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WEEKLY NEWS ✠ July 27, 2025

✠ IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY ✠

WELCOME! We are happy that you are worshipping with us. As Psalm 122:1 says, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Here in the Lord's House our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in His Word and Sacrament to give us His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. The Sunday Divine Service is also being live-streamed on Hope's [Facebook page](#) and the service folder (bulletin) may be [accessed here](#). "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

✠ THE WORD FOR TODAY ✠

OUR ONLY HOPE IS IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex. 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom 6:1-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea "out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:2). Therefore, "consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11).

✠ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✠

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall (LSB 562). During the Reformation era this hymn was held in high regard as a teaching and confessional hymn of the evangelical faith. It reinforces the theology of original sin. However, in good Law/Gospel format, stanzas 4-6 tell of our Savior Jesus. "To bear our sin and woe and shame," he, "took our place". We can rejoice in the new life we have through Christ's death for our eternal salvation.

✠ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP ✠

- *PREPARE* to receive the Lord's Supper by reviewing "Christian Questions and Their Answers" beginning on 329 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *REFLECT* on Psalm 19 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 562*, "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall."

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at each Sunday morning Divine Service, with both chalice and individual cup offered. Members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod may partake of the Sacrament trusting that in this Holy Meal the Lord Jesus Christ is present and gives His Body and Blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Guests are asked to speak with the pastor prior to communing. Those who have a health concern with the alcohol in the cup are asked to speak with the pastor. If you are taking Communion, please fill out the attendance card by marking an "X" in the box by the names of those communing, and hand the card to an usher as you go to the Lord's Table.

✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY ✠

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 3, 2025) -

- Old Testament: **Genesis 2:7-17** – God creates Adam from the dust and provides for his bodily needs.
Psalm: **Psalm 33:1-11** – "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host."
Epistle: **Romans 6:19-23** – We are freed from sin to be slaves for God.
Holy Gospel: **Mark 8:1-9** – Jesus feeds the 4,000, thus showing His re-creation of our bodies as holy.



✠ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✠

OPEN DATES FOR ALTAR VASES are August 3, 10, 17 and 24. Vases are \$30 each and are yours to take home after the service. Please call Carol, 314-691-3619, to order vases for a specific date, or pick up an envelope from the narthex and fill it out and place it in the offering basket.

LUTHERAN SOUTH ALUMNI from the class of 1975 and prior, please join us at our annual Gold Club luncheon! The event will be held on Thursday, August 7 from 11-1 at Lutheran South in the new Legacy Loft. Lunch and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP at lslancers.org/events. Questions? Email Laura Reis at reis@LSlancers.org.

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE: We thank each member for their faithful financial stewardship in support of the ministry of our congregation. Through the first half of the fiscal year (January-June) we have made up a previous small deficit and are running in the black, with income of \$11,000. We still want to encourage members during summer months of travel and time away to remember the work of the church and continue your faithful stewardship. We thank you for stewarding all the gifts entrusted to your care. Look for a more detailed mid-year financial update in the coming weeks.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR JULY 27 – Trinity 6: **Matthew 5:23** – “So if you are offering your gift at the altar. . .” Jesus connects our generosity toward God’s Kingdom to our love and forgiveness toward our brethren in the Kingdom. Both grow out of God’s love toward us. We forgive as we have been forgiven, and we give as we have been given to. All our growth in sanctification is growing into our Heavenly Father’s own actions through thankful imitation.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.) we are continuing our study of the Psalms. This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 50, 57, 67, 73, and 80. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we begin a new study of the book of Galatians! Don't forget to join us for the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.)! This week is Bach week, and we have some special episodes lined up to celebrate! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

TRUTH, GOODNESS & BEAUTY... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Did Martin Luther Add Books to the Bible?, The Scopes Monkey Trial, Lutherans & Life Issues, The Obergefell Ruling & the Redefinition of Marriage & Family, Conspiracy Theories and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis.

✠ STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✠				
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 68	FINANCIAL ✠ June			
	June		Year to Date through June	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
	Income: \$40,741	\$29,093	Income: \$213,837	\$174,526
Expense: \$25,036		\$31,948	Expense: \$202,445	\$184,485
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✠ July 27, 2025				
SCHEDULE	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS		WEEK’S CALENDAR	
8:00 - Schola Rehearsal	2 nd Floor – Parlor:		MONDAY	
9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE	High School		TUESDAY	
Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl	Basement:		WEDNESDAY	
10:15 - Coffee Hour	Early Childhood		THURSDAY	
10:30 - Bible Study	Youth		FRIDAY	
	Basement Auditorium:		SATURDAY	
	THE WORD IN SONG		Pastor’s day off	
	“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”			
	(LSB 562)			
	Pastor Asburry			