



# Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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## WEEKLY NEWS ✕ August 3, 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 ✕

#### *JESUS RESTORES PARADISE AND FEEDS US FREELY*

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7-17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, *"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground..."* (Gen. 3:19). In other words, *"The wages of sin is death"* (Rom 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1-9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For *"the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom. 6:23).

### ✕ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ✕

*Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good* (LSB 819). This lively hymn of praise, with its short and memorable refrain, was written by Johann Schütz (1640-1690). Based on Deuteronomy 32:3-4, *"For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! 'The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.'" Through the text one can envision a pastor instructing and encouraging his flock to join in praise to God.*

### ✕ 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 33 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- *PONDER* today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 819, "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good."*

*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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 10, 2025) –*

Old Testament: **Jeremiah 23:16-29**—God's people do not hear His prophets; God warns us against false prophets.

Psalm: **Psalm 26**—"In the great assembly I will bless the LORD."

Epistle: **Acts 20:27-38**—St. Paul urges pastors and churches to beware of false teachers.

Holy Gospel: **Matthew 7:15-23**—Jesus warns against false prophets and false faith.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are placed to the praise and glory of God by Deaconess Grace Rao in thanksgiving for all the blessings she has received on the 25th anniversary of her commissioning, July 9, 2000, as a Deaconess for the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

OPEN DATES FOR ALTAR VASES are August 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](https://lslancers.org/events). Questions? Email Laura Reis at [reis@LSlancers.org](mailto: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 August 3 – Trinity 7: **Mark 8:2 – “I have compassion on the crowd.”** Still today the Lord has compassion upon those who follow Him. He knows our needs, and He provides for us. Indeed, He does all this for us long before we think to pray for what we need, before we even know that we need it. Knowing the Lord’s provision frees us from worry about our bodily needs. The Lord really does provide for us out of His unending compassion.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & [kfuo.org](https://kfuo.org): On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.) we're continuing our summer study through several of the Psalms! This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 89, 93, 99, 101, and 113. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our study of Paul's letter to the Galatians. On Concord Matters this Saturday (8/9 at 10 a.m.), Pastor Finnern will lead us through a study of the 4th Commandment in the Large Catechism. What should it look for us to honor our parents well? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](https://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH... 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 subjects include: Worship Practices in the LCMS, Lessons to Learn from Chip and Joanne Gaines’ Compromise on Homosexuality, The Movie “The Fantastic Four: First Steps,” Preparing for The Lord’s Supper and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](https://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

✧ STEWARDSHIP AT HOPE ✧						
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday: 77	FINANCIAL ✧ July 13 - 26					
	July 13 - 26		Year to Date through June			
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
	Income:	\$9,564	\$13,135	Income:	\$213,837	\$174,526
	Expense:	\$9,652	\$13,076	Expense:	\$202,445	\$184,485
THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✧ August 3, 2025						
SCHEDULE  8:00 - Schola Rehearsal 9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE Live stream at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl">www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl</a> 10:15 - Coffee Hour 10:30 - Bible Study	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS		WEEK'S CALENDAR			
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor – Parlor:		MONDAY			
	High School		TUESDAY			
	Basement:		WEDNESDAY			
	Early Childhood		THURSDAY			
	Youth		FRIDAY			
	Basement Auditorium:		SATURDAY			
THE WORD IN SONG		Pastor's day off				
"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" (LSB 819)						
Pastor Asburry						