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WEEKLY NEWS ❖ August 10, 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 ❖

BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matt 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16-29) They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. "You will recognize them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:20). The "fruits" of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Rom. 8:12-17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27-38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

❖ THE MUSIC FOR TODAY ❖

In God, My Faithful God (LSB 745). First appearing in 1607 in a German hymnal, text writer Sigismund Weingärtner penned this text. Very little is known of him, though it is thought he may have been a clergyman. In German the first letter of each stanza forms A-O-O-O-A. It is thought to be a reference to Revelation 1:8, "I am the Alpha and the Omega." The strong and confident tune, AUF MEINEN LEIBEN GOTT, was penned by Roman Catholic composer Jacob Regnart and first appeared in 1574.

❖ 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 26 in the front part of *Lutheran Service Book*.
- **PONDER** today's Hymn of the Day, *LSB 745*, "In God, My Faithful God."

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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (August 17, 2025) –

- Old Testament: **2 Samuel 22:26-34** – God shows Himself merciful; He brings down the haughty, but lifts up the humble.
- Psalm: **Psalm 51:1-12** -- "Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem."
- Epistle: **1 Corinthians 10:6-13** – Though we are tempted and fall to sin, God is faithful to forgive.
- Holy Gospel: **Luke 16:1-13** – Parable of the Unjust Manager – learning to be wise in this world.



✂ PARISH NEWS AND NOTES ✂

IN TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE, we receive Dr. Andrew Oster into membership at Hope. Andrew transfers his membership from Peace Lutheran Church, on Barracksview Road. Welcome, Andrew!

OPEN DATES FOR ALTAR VASES are August 17 and 24 and September 7, 14, 21 and 28. 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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP BLURB FOR August 10 - Trinity 8: **Matthew 7:17 - "So, every healthy tree bears good fruit."** As fruit follows from a good tree, so our good works flow from the cleansing the Lord has given us in Holy Baptism. In Baptism we have a new identity – we are the "new man in Christ" as St. Paul says. Of course, on this side of glory we still have the world, the devil and the flesh to wrestle with. That means that our growth in sanctification is a struggle. So if it's sometimes a struggle for you to be generous – don't give up! Keep fighting the good fight of faith, trusting in your Lord and His provision.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) invite you to join us **this afternoon, August 10, at 4:00 pm**, for the installation of Rev. Dr. Stanish Stanley as our LCMS rostered Executive Director. The installation will be at Ascension Lutheran Church, 5347 Donovan Ave., 63109. Rev. Randy Asbury, the third vice-president of the Missouri District is presiding and Pastor Jeff Cloeter, preaching. The service will be followed by a short reception in his honor.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfu.org: We're continuing our study of the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 124, 131, 135, 142, and 148. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we are moving to the Old Testament and beginning a new study of the books of Ezra, Haggai, and Zechariah! Join us on Saturday morning (8/16 at 10 a.m.) for Concord Matters. We are tackling part two of our study of the 4th Commandment in the Large Catechism. How does the command to honor our parents also extend to civil authorities? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... 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: Alternatives to IVF, Evidence for Infant Baptism in the First Century, Adoption, Practical Insights from the Book of Numbers, The Lutheran View of the Lord's Supper 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: 76

FINANCIAL ✂ July 20 - August 2

July 20 - August 2		Year to Date through June	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	
Income:	\$7,913	\$13,135	Income: \$213,837
Expense:	\$12,420	\$13,076	Expense: \$202,445

THIS WEEK AT HOPE ✂ August 10, 2025

SCHEDULE

8:00 - Schola Rehearsal
9:00 - DIVINE SERVICE
Live stream at www.facebook.com/hopelutheranstl
10:15 - Coffee Hour
10:30 - Bible Study

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR OFFERINGS

2nd Floor – Parlor:
High School
Basement:
Early Childhood
Youth
Basement Auditorium:
BASEMENT PROJECT FEEDBACK SESSION
THE WORD IN SONG
"In God, My Faithful God"
(LSB 745)

WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY
7 pm Board of Elders
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
Pastor's day off