WELCOME - **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
1st Sunday after Christmas January 1, 2023

HYMNS 374 – 370 – 352 – 364, 358 – 387

ORDER OF SERVICE Hymnal page 203 then proceed to the Kyrie, p. 204

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 8; ♫ *tone C*

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
You have set your glory above the | heavens.
Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because | of your foes,
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.
What is man that you are mind- | ful of him,
and the son of man that you | care for him?
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings
and crowned him with glory and | honor.
You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things under | his feet.

Altar Flowers . ***Reader*** – Phil Lamm. ***Assisting*** — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Janette Barry. ***Field Worker*** – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Organ*** — Jackie Tieman. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 24; offrg, $2,748.

***Greetings to our Guests*.** We are glad you have joined us in worship. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word. It is truly our intent to welcome you and make you feel comfortable here in God's house. Since communion implies unity of faith *we do not practice open communion* but invite those not fully united with us to enter full membership in the Lutheran community **first before receiving** the Sacrament. Sit-down communion, front left. We are called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Centered in Word and Sacrament, and receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we live the Christian life by faith, serving others in God's love and praying for their evangelization.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Sundays – (children, teens, adults); 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.; Junior Confirmation following the Church Service; **Tuesdays** - 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Bible Study; and Third **Saturday** – Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Bible study and Christian growth opportunities are for everyone all year.

OTHER WAYS WE ARE STAYING IN TOUCH. Facebook is our main method of communicating but there are other ways also. We continue to keep our website current: **www.hopelutherangc.org** with manuscripts of our sermons and bulletins.

PLEASE KNOW that private communion is always available. Please contact Pastor and appropriate arrangements will be made for this.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Today at 2:00 p.m. Pastor will lead the service at **Eden Retirement Village. Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. will be Bible Class, at 11:30 a.m. is **Social Ministry Committee** meeting and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous**. **Thursday** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pastor is in **Prison Ministry. Saturday** beginning at 9:00 a.m. will be the **taking down of all church Christmas decorations.** Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page.**

LOOKING AHEAD: Monday, January 9 will be BUNKO. Board of Elders will be Tuesday, January 10. Monday, January 16 will be We've Been There Group. Tuesday, January 24 will be the next Voters' Assembly meeting.

ALL ACTIVITIES RESUMED: Effective today, our full plans and activities are resumed. Always a lot going on. As we begin the new year, please use this as an opportunity to get involved in all our various activities and Bible studies.

SOCIAL MINISTRY ON TUESDAY beginning at 11:30 a.m. Ladies, as you look and plan the year ahead, please join in all the activities and service projects this group does.

BUNKO A WEEK FROM MONDAY. If you are looking for opportunities for fun, fellowship and good food, here is one for you. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

HELP US TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. Next Saturday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. we will take down all the Christmas decorations both inside and outside. Perhaps not as exciting as putting them up; but still a time of fun and fellowship together. Many hands make the work easier.

NEXT WE'VE BEEN THERE GET TOGETHER will be January 16. This is in line with our regular monthly schedule. As in December our Christmas brunch was postponed, This meeting will be in place of that. Lunch, games and planning ahead will be included. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

USE OF 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES BEGINS TODAY. In many cases your assigned number may have changed. If you have not already done so, please do pick up your 2023 offering envelopes in the narthex. If you have any problems with any of this, please let us know and we will help. Thank you.

REFLECTING ON 2022. As we begin 2023, it is a natural thing to stop and reflect on the last year. As we do so, there are so many, many ways in which we have all been blessed. Towards that end, Pastor and Sandy would like to say thank you to all the members of Hope for your love and support and patience and understanding and the great year we had together. May God continue to lead and bless us all as we look to the year ahead.

THEME FOR THE DAY: On the eighth day, Jesus was circumcised and given the name Jesus, the name given to Him by the angel when He was conceived in the womb. Today we are told this in our Gospel reading. Only a few words but tells us so much. For in Baptism, Jesus' name is placed on us. And as we now look to begin a new year, what strength and confidence and peace that gives to us. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "Go Forth in the Name of the Lord."