

WELCOME - HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 2023

HYMNS 915 – 688 – 434 – 809, 801, 702, 531 – 537

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 40; ♪ tone B

**I waited patiently | for the Lord;
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the Lord.
Blessèd is the man who makes the | Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!
As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mer- | cy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever pre- | serve me!
Be pleased, O Lord, to de- | liver me!
O Lord, make haste to | help me!**

Altar Flowers — Phil and Debbie Lamm — in celebration of Haley's baptism anniversary. *Reader* — Marlene Pennekamp. *Assisting* — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Crucifer* — Travis Pennekamp. *Altar Guild* — Sandy Jessee and Lois Swigert. *Field Worker* — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Organ* — Jackie Tieman. *Last wk* – atnd, 47; offrg, \$2,867.

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.

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

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.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Today following the service is **Junior Confirmation**. Monday beginning at 11:30 a.m. is **We've Been There Group**. Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Class** and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous**. Beginning **Wednesday through next Sunday (January 22)** Pastor and Sandy will be **out-of-town**. **Saturday (January 21)** from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. will be **Men's Breakfast Fellowship**.

LOOKING AHEAD: January 24 will be the next Voters' Assembly meeting which will include discussion and approval of the budget for 2023. January 29 at 2:00 p.m. will be the service of Dedication for the new Mosaic Ultrasound Machine at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville.

NEXT WE'VE BEEN THERE GROUP GET TOGETHER IS TOMORROW. As in December our Christmas brunch was postponed, this meeting will be in place of that. Lunch, games and planning ahead will be included. It is not too late to join us. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

CHOIR STARTING BACK UP. Getting settled in from the holidays, as talked about before, we are now ready to restart the choir. It will be led by Elizabeth Meschke. Practices will be for a brief time right after the service and singing on the Sundays Elizabeth is with us as organist. First practice will be next Sunday, January 22. Please join us. How beautiful and important it is if we can get our choir going again.

PASTOR AND SANDY OUT-OF-TOWN: Pastor and Sandy will be out-of-town beginning Wednesday, January 18 and returning on Monday, January 23. Should the need arise, Pastor Hale from St. John will be available. His number is (630) 726-0128. Also, next Sunday, there will be no Adult Bible Class or Junior Confirmation; but Pastor Willard Meyer will be leading the service. Pastor Meyer has filled in before. He is excellent and everyone is comfortable with him.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2022 GIVING. The ladies have now completed the statements on individual giving for 2022 and are making distribution of them. A big thank you to Millie Schubert, Jean Tindall, Sandy Jessee and Linda Stearns for all your help not only with the statements but throughout the year. A job well done.

BABY BOTTLES FOR MOSAIC HEALTH. What does Mosaic do? They help pregnant women make life affirming decisions as well as provide encouragement and support to these young mothers. It is that time of year to again collect change and checks in the baby bottles supplied to support their work. Baby bottles can be picked up in the church office and need to be returned by February 12.

MOSAIC ULTRASOUND – SERVICE OF DEDICATION. Remember our efforts to raise money (soup luncheon) to help fund an ultrasound machine for Mosaic's Mobile Medical Unit (\$2,050 was donated here from Hope). The new equipment is now in place. On Sunday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville, there will be a brief Service of Dedication for this. Everyone is invited to attend. Following the service, each congregation involved will be recognized. Also, representatives from Mosaic will be in attendance as well as the Mobile Medical Unit for touring. Please make plans to attend.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING IS ONCE AGAIN HERE and continues through February 12. Soup and crackers are being collected for those in our community in need. Donations can be placed in the designated box near the rear parking lot doors.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Last Sunday we observed and celebrated the Baptism of Jesus. We were given every assurance that this Jesus is the Messiah. This week we look at the questions of where do we find Him and what do we want from Him? We can answer these questions from our Gospel reading where we see Andrew and John (the disciple) begin to follow Jesus. Today, we will consider all this in a message entitled, "An Answer to Our Most Important Needs."

