WELCOME - **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2023

HYMNS 825 – 826 – 849 – 644, 845, 622, 856 – 649

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 27; ♫ *tone C*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek | after;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his | temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.
You have said, | "Seek my face."
My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, | do I seek."
Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in | anger,
O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

Reader – Nichol Tieman. ***Assisting*** — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Charlie Finck and Janette Barry. ***Field Worker –*** Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Organ*** — Elizabeth Meschke. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 45; offrg, $1,423.

***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.

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: Choir practice will be held following the service **today**. Also, today Pastor and Sandy will be returning and **full activities resume tomorrow. Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study** and at 7:00 p.m. is both **Alcoholics' Anonymous** and **Voters' Assembly. Thursday** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pastor will be in **Prison Ministry.** Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page.**

LOOKING AHEAD: 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.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOLLOWING THE SERVICE TODAY. Please make plans and be a part of this. Besides good fun and fellowship, how beautiful and an important enhancement this is to our worship services. Choir director will be Elizabeth Meschke. Practices will be for a brief time right after the services and singing also on the Sundays Elizabeth is with us as organist. We recognize as we get started back-up with this, it may take some time and patience. Thank you for your understanding and help.

A BIG WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO PASTOR WILLARD MEYER. We are blessed to have Pastor Meyer with us today. He has filled in here before and everyone is "confident and comfortable" with him. Not only is Pastor Meyer a blessing to us; but also to the work in God's Kingdom. Pastor Meyer serves faithfully and virtually full time as both a vacancy pastor and in pulpit supply. Please give a warm Hope welcome to Pastor and Mrs. Meyer.

PASTOR AND SANDY RETURNING TODAY. Pastor and Sandy will return to Granite City this evening. Pastor will be back in the office tomorrow. Should the need arise, prior to Pastor's return tonight, Pastor Hale from St. John is available at (630) 726-0128.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING CONTINUES. Soup and crackers are once again being collected for distribution in our community to those in need. Through Sunday, February 12, donations can be placed in the designated box near the rear parking lot doors.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDIES. As we start the new year, how about stepping up, if not already, to join us in Bible Study. Our Tuesday morning group meets at 10:00 a.m. We enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and life-affirming time in God's Word. This Tuesday we will begin a new study on "Great Miracles of the Old Testament." Sunday mornings we meet at 8:30 a.m. and are involved in a chronological look at the public ministry of Jesus. Great effort is made to make sure everyone is comfortable and no one is "put on the spot." God will surely lead and bless us and give us strength and peace as we study His Word.

DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2022 GIVING CONTINUES. If you have not yet received your statement, it is available. Please see Millie Schubert, Jean Tindall, Sandy Jessee or Linda Stearns to get connected for this or if you have any questions.

BABY BOTTLES FOR MOSAIC HEALTH CONTINUES. Mosaic helps 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. If you have not already done so, 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