WELCOME - **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
4th Sunday after the Epiphany January 29, 2023

HYMNS 904 – 837 – 781 – 851, 427, 425, 636 – 922

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RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 15; ♫ *tone C*

O Lord, who shall sojourn | in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your | holy hill?
He who walks blamelessly and does | what is right
and speaks truth | in his heart;
who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his | neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach a- | gainst his friend;
in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who | fear the Lord;
who swears to his own hurt and | does not change;
who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the | innocent.
He who does these things shall nev- | er be moved.

Altar Flowers — Sandy Jessee — in memory of Pat Tuttle. ***Reader*** – Janette Barry. ***Assisting*** — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Janette Barry. ***Field Worker*** – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Organ*** — Elizabeth Meschke. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 42; offrg, $1,467.

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.

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** and at 2:00 p.m. is the **Dedication Service** for the Mosaic ultrasound machine at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville. **Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Class** and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous. Thursday** Pastor is in **Prison Ministry** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page.**

LOOKING AHEAD: February 7 is Social Ministry. February 13 is BUNKO. February 14 Hope is the host for circuit pastor's service and meeting. February 20 is We've Been There Group. Ash Wednesday and Lent begins February 22. Forty Days for Life also begins February 22.

PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR OUR CHOIRS. It is so good and a blessing to now have back both our bell choir and our choir. This morning our choir will be helping with and singing our sermon hymn, *Lift High the Cross.* **The congregation will sing verses 1, 2, 4, and 6 and our choir only will sing verses 3 and 5.** Thank you to all who are involved with both choirs and please know that others may join them at any time.

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. We just now are beginning 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.

BABY BOTTLES FOR MOSAIC HEALTH CONTINUES. Many of you have already picked up a bottle and some of you have already returned it. Thank you. Please know that if you have not already done so, it is not too late to join in; to provide financial support to Mosaic as they help pregnant women make life affirming decisions as well as provide encouragement and support to young mothers. All help is appreciated. It is asked that baby bottles be returned to the church office by February 12.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING CONTINUES. The box by the rear church doors has begun filling up. Thank you. Encouragement is given to continue with this to provide soup and crackers for distribution in our community to those in need. Donations are being collected through February 12.

MOSAIC ULTRASOUND – SERVICE OF DEDICATION TODAY. It will be at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville. There will be a brief service after which refreshments will be served and all congregations involved with this will be recognized (including Hope). Representatives from Mosaic will also be there and their medical unit with the new installed equipment will be available for touring.

THEME FOR THE DAY: In our Old Testament reading for today, the children of Israel are on trial. The Lord is the prosecuting attorney, and the mountain is the jury! What about if we were on trial? What would be our defense? Yet from a mountain we find our defense is Jesus and that is all that we need. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "The Verdict Is On The Mountain."