WELCOME - **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
5th Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 2023

HYMNS 398 – 411 – 687 – 563, 579, 578 – 698

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 112; ♫ *tone C*

Praise the Lord! Blessèd is the man who | fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!
Light dawns in the darkness for the | upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and | righteous.
For the righteous will nev- | er be moved;
he will be remembered for- | ever.
He is not afraid of | bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting | in the Lord.
His heart is steady; he will not | be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adver- | saries.

Altar Flowers — Pennekamp — in celebration of Michael's birthday and glory to God. ***Reader*** – Ken Halbe. ***Assisting*** — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Anna Hollenbeck and Janette Barry. ***Field Worker*** **–** Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Organ*** — Jackie Tieman. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 41; offrg, $2,442.

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 following the service is **Junior Confirmation. Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. will be Bible Study, 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.** Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page.**

LOOKING AHEAD: 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY IS TUESDAY beginning at 11:30 a.m. There are many activities and projects ongoing. Ladies - please consider being a part of the fun and fellowship this group has while serving our Lord.

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.

CONCORDIA SAUSAGE IS HERE. This was mentioned in our announcements at the end of service last week. Concordia is once again selling sausage. The time for ordering is short. Orders need to be placed by February 13. Pick-up is at Concordia from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on February 25. Cost is $4.50 per pound and they are available in one pound bulk and one and two pound link. To place orders call Chuck Bayer (618) 531-5782; Mike Schute (618) 910-4869; or Don Rowold (618) 877-4662.

VALENTINES FOR VETS IS BACK. We are getting a late start on this. You are encouraged to prepare Valentines with a Christian message for veterans at the St. Louis Veterans Hospital. They need to be deposited by Sunday, February 12 in the box by the rear parking lot door. Veterans appreciate your thoughtfulness and caring.

ONE MORE WEEK FOR BABY BOTTLES FOR MOSAIC HEALTH. 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.

ONE MORE WEEK FOR SOUPER BOWL OF CARING. 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.

CHOIR WILL BE PRACTICING AND SINGING NEXT SUNDAY As it is difficult to keep schedules straight, a friendly reminder is given that when Elizabeth Meschke is serving as organist, the choir will be practicing and singing; and that includes next Sunday, February 12.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION sitting on the table near the church office. This was received last Sunday as part of the dedication service for the new ultrasound machine for Mosaic Health. Good work members of Hope for a job well done. It is also nice for us to be acknowledged and given a certificate for our involvement it this.

THEME FOR THE DAY: In our Epistle reading for today, the Apostle Paul says, "I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." This is seen for us in the cross. And so it raises the question, what do you see in the cross and what does it mean to you? Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "The Light of The Cross."