

WELCOME - HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
6th Sunday after the Epiphany February 12, 2023

HYMNS 610 – 585 – 707 – 685, 645, 650, 581 – 468

ORDER OF SERVICE Hymnal page 151 then proceed to the Kyrie, p. 152

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 119; ♪ tone C

Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,

who walk in the law | of the Lord!

Blessèd are those who keep his test- | monies,

who seek him with their | whole heart.

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast

in keeping your | statutes!

I will praise you with an | upright heart,

when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.

I will keep your | statutes;

do not utterly for- | sake me!

Reader – Phil Lamm. *Assisting* — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Crucifer* – Travis Pennekamp. *Altar Guild* — Sandy Jessee and Lois Swigert. *Field Worker* – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Acolyte* — Isaac Beatty. *Organ* — Elizabeth Meschke. *Last wk* – attnd, 57; offr, \$4,977.

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.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICING AND SINGING TODAY To help keep "all this straight" a schedule has now been set. It will be given out today to choir members at practice and a copy is on the hallway bulletin board. An open invitation remains for anyone to join them.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Today following the service is both **Choir practice** and **Junior Confirmation. Monday** at 11:30 a.m. is **BUNKO. Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study**, at 11:30 a.m. Hope will be the host for **Circuit Pastor's Service gathering**, and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous. Thursday** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Pastor is in **Prison Ministry. Saturday** from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. is **Men's Breakfast Fellowship.** Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion on Hope's Facebook page.**

LOOKING AHEAD: February 20 is We've Been There Group. Ash Wednesday and Lent begins February 22. Forty Days for Life also begins February 22. Our adopted day for this is March 9.

BUNKO IS TOMORROW. It is not too late to join in. Always good food, fun and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

CONCORDIA SAUSAGE ORDERS END TODAY. Cost is \$4.50 per pound; available in one pound bulk and one and two pound link. Pick-up at Concordia on February 25. Contact information to place orders is on the hallway bulletin board.

VALENTINES FOR VETS ENDS TODAY. Last minute Valentines can still be placed in the box by the rear church doors for our veterans at the St. Louis Veterans Hospital. Veterans appreciate your thoughtfulness and caring. Thank you for your help with this.

BABY BOTTLES FOR MOSAIC HEALTH ENDS TODAY. We ask that all baby bottles for Mosaic be returned to the church office today (or arrangements made for early in the week). Thank you for your financial assistance to young women who need help as they struggle with life affirming decisions.

SUPER BOWL OF CARING ENDS TODAY. It is not too late today yet to place soup and crackers in the box by the rear church doors for distribution in our community to those in need. Thank you to all who helped with this.

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US AS LENT BEGINS SOON. Wednesday, February 22 is Ash Wednesday. Each week of Lent we will have an 11:00 a.m. service here at Hope and then be joining with the other two Lutheran Churches in Granite City for a 7:00 p.m. service (St. John host for the first two; then Concordia for the next two; and Hope for the last two). The theme for our 11:00 a.m. services is "O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High" and for our 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Services "Places Of The Passion." Ash Wednesday Services will include Holy Communion and imposition of ashes.

WE'VE BEEN THERE Our next meeting is February 20 beginning at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and activities here at Hope. We will also take time to plan our Spring and Summer activities. Please plan to join us. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

A TIME FOR PRAYER AND DEVOTION EACH DAY OF LENT. A Lenten Calendar is now available on the table by the rear church doors with a weekly theme and a Scripture reading for each day. Please take one as we make our Lenten journey. Let's walk together in Christ and His Word.

COME HEAR LCMS PRESIDENT MATTHEW HARRISON on Saturday February 25 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hamel, IL (6969 W. Frontage Road, Worden, IL). The gathering is churches of the 3rd and 4th circuit which we are a member of. The morning will begin at 9:00 a.m. with President Harrison preaching followed by his presentation on the State of the synod, and then Q and A. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Some choices seem "easy." Others are not. Some look to be easy but are not. Some choices are disguised as good, but are not. Moses tells the people in our Old Testament reading for today, "I have set before you today, life and good, death and evil." Seems like an easy choice for the children of Israel but it was not. We also face the same dilemma. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "Do You Agree with His Choice?"

