## WELCOME - HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.

<u>Transfiguration of Our Lord</u> February 19, 2023

HYMNS 414 – 416 – 523 – 400, 680, 575, 435 – 815

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 2;  $\square$  tone C

"As for me, I have | set my King on Zion, my | holy hill."

I will tell of | the decree:

The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,

and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

Serve the | Lord with fear,

and rejoice with | trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly | kindled.

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**Reader** – Jim Pennekamp. **Assisting** — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. **Crucifer** – Travis Pennekamp. **Altar Guild** — Charlie Finck and Janette Barry. **Field Worker** – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. **Acolyte** — Abby Loehr. **Organ** — Elizabeth Meschke. **Last wk** – attnd, 56; offrg, \$2,175.

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 will be the baby shower for Sean and Fiona Sheppard. Monday at 11:30 a.m. is We've Been There Group. Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. is Bible Study and at 7:00 p.m. is Alcoholics' Anonymous. Wednesday is Ash Wednesday services at Hope at 11:00 a.m. and at St. John at 7:00 p.m. Thursday from 1:00 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:** Forty Days for Life also begins this Wednesday, February 22. Our adopted day for this is March 9.

**JOIN US TODAY FOR BABY SHOWER FOR THE SHEPPARD'S.** A salad luncheon will be held immediately following the service for the Sheppard's. Please join us for lunch and fellowship as we congratulate Sean and Fiona and shower them with gifts for their precious baby boy that will soon be coming into this world. Even if you did not previously sign-up, please still come and join us.

**CONCORDIA SAUSAGE PICK-UP IS NEXT SATURDAY.** A friendly reminder for those who ordered sausage that pick-up will be next Saturday, February 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US AS LENT BEGINS. This 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 this week will include Holy Communion and imposition of ashes.

WE'VE BEEN THERE IS TOMORROW 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 available on the table by the rear church doors with a weekly theme and a Scripture reading for each day beginning with this Wednesday, February 22. Please take one as we make our Lenten journey. Let's walk together in Christ and His Word.

**COME HEAR LCMS PRESIDENT MATTHEW HARRISON.** Next 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** Today is Transfiguration Sunday, It is always the last Sunday before we head into the season of Lent. It is proper that it is so. Jesus is "transfigured" on the mount; that is, the disciples and us are given proof positive that this Jesus is the Messiah who we are following to the cross. Validation is given that this penitential season we are about to enter is in accordance with the Father's plan and will lead to our salvation. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "The Light Changes Everything."

## Brief LWML Meeting Nov. 2022

The meeting was held after church to determine the amount of funds to give to the church from the proceeds of our Craft/Treasure Auction held Nov. 13, 2022. It was decided to give the church \$1,800 and as a Christmas gift, give \$50 each to Pastor Hale and Travis Galle. The motion carried and was seconded.

Agenda Jan. 28, 2023

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023. We are host for the first two services. What type of refreshments do we want to serve the second service? Pies

Do we want to start planning / thinking about a Spring Salad Supper?

We have been asked if the Guild would provide beverages for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration March 19. Do we want to do that? Or Does someone (I can do that) want to apply for a Thrivent Action Team card? Discussion?