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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN #543

OPENING VERSICLES FOR LENT pg. 260

HYMN #440 vs. 1-2 (instead of OT Canticle on p. 261)

READINGS see p. 263 (please be seated)

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respond afterwards . . . **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM RESPONSE 107:35-43 read responsively, half verse by half verse

2. *Philippians 4:4-7*
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Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel and the Responsory

3. *Matthew 6:25-34*
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RESPONSORY FOR LENT p. 263 after the readings

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SERMON HYMN #895

SERMON *Love So Rich In Provision*

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LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER p. 266

HYMN #440 vs. 3-4 (instead of NT Canticle on pgs. 266-267)

BLESSING

DISMISSAL HYMN 440 vs. 5-6

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Lent is the period of 40 days (not including Sundays) prior to Easter. It is a season of reflection and preparation prior to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is a time to observe and commemorate the final 40 days of Christ's life. It is a time to reflect on our religious practices, strengthen our faith in God and embody the lessons of Christ. The word "lent" comes from the Old English, "lencten" which means "spring." Liturgical changes reflect the season. Hope's Holy Week services, *The Three Days*, are 7 p.m. April 6, 7, 8 (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday Easter Vigil). Our 74th Easter Sunrise Service will be April 9 at 6:30 a.m. at Wilson Park.

OTHER NOTES: In conjunction with the other two Granite City Lutheran Churches there will be another Lenten service at 7:00 p.m. tonight at St. John. The three church evening services have a different theme than these 11:00 a.m. services. Also, if you have not done so, it is not too late to pick-up a Lenten calendar from the table by the rear church doors that has a weekly theme and a Scripture reading for each day of Lent. Let's walk together in Christ and His Word.

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- 7:00 p.m. – Midweek Evening Service at Concordia
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- 7:00 p.m. – Midweek Evening Service at Concordia
- Mar 22 11:00 a.m. – Midweek Service at Hope
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- HOLY WEEK'S "THREE DAYS" AT HOPE LUTHERAN -
No service on Wednesday of Holy Week

Apr 6 7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Communion

