

WELCOME - HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday in Lent March 5, 2023

HYMNS 849 – 708 – 601 – 621, 673, 798 – 575

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 121; ♪ tone B

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.

From where does my | help come?

My help comes | from the Lord,

who made | heaven and earth..

He will not let your | foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not | slumber.

The Lord will keep you from all | evil;

he will | keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your | coming in

from this time forth and for- | evermore.

Altar Flowers — Millie Schubert — celebrating her birthday. *Reader* – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Assisting* — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Crucifer* – Travis Pennkamp. *Altar Guild* — Anna Hollenbeck and Janette Barry. *Field Worker* – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Acolyte* — Isaac Beatty. *Organ* — Elizabeth Meschke. *Last wk* – attnd, 58; offrg, \$2,896.

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.

LITURGICAL CHANGES: Please note that in accordance with the penitential season of Lent we are now in, the "Hymn of Praise" and "Alleluias" are omitted from our liturgy.

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 cake and punch for Millie Schubert, a meeting of the **Mission and Vision Committee**, and **Junior Confirmation** and at 2:00 p.m. Pastor will lead the service at **Eden Retirement Village**. **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**. **Wednesday**, at 11:00 a.m. is **Lenten Service** here at Hope and at 7:00 p.m. at Concordia. **Thursday** is our day for **40 Days for Life** and Pastor will be in **Prison Ministry** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pastor will be continuing to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page**.

LOOKING AHEAD: Each week of Lent there will be a Wednesday 11:00 a.m. service here at Hope and a 7:00 p.m. shared service with the other two Lutheran churches of Granite City; all culminating in Holy Week Services beginning Palm Sunday, April 2, with Easter April 9. BUNKO is March 13. Board of Elders meeting is March 14. Men's Breakfast Fellowship is March 18. The mid-point rally for Forty Days for Life is March 19. We've Been There Group is March 20. Voters' Assembly is March 28.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MILLIE SCHUBERT. The family has invited us to join them in the fellowship hall following the service for cake and punch in celebration of Millie's 90th birthday. Please stop by to congratulate Millie.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE IS TUESDAY beginning at 11:30 a.m. This will be a regular monthly meeting with many items to discuss. Ladies – if not already involved, please consider joining in on the fun and fellowship this group has while serving our Lord.

BUNKO IS A WEEK FROM MONDAY. Always a time of fun, fellowship, and good food. Please make plans to join us. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

OUR MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES CONTINUE. We once again will have an 11:00 a.m. service here at Hope and then have our three Granite City Lutheran Churches evening service at 7:00 p.m., this week at Concordia. You are invited to attend either or both of these services (they are completely different).

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.

A TIME FOR PRAYER AND DEVOTION EACH DAY OF LENT. A calendar with a weekly theme and Scripture reading for each day of Lent continues to be available by the rear church doors. It is not too late to join us. Let's walk together in Christ.

THURSDAY IS OUR ADOPTED DAY FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE. March 9 is our day to be on the sidewalk at the abortion clinic here in Granite City in support of life. You need not speak. You need not stand. You can sit in a lawn chair as desired. Your presence and prayer is your witness, and it does make a difference. Results from past campaigns speak for themselves. Individuals can sign-up for one hour increments from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet remains on the bulletin board. More than two people can be present each hour. See Sandy Townzen or Pastor with any questions or need for details.

MISSION AND VISION COMMITTEE MEETING today following the service. The purpose of this meeting will be towards continuing to develop a vision and mission statement to propose to the congregation. Thank you committee members as the Holy Spirit leads you in this important work of helping to focus us for the way ahead.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Adoption and inheritance are two ideas that can be associated with each other. A key point for both of them is that it is not something you earn. In adoption you are taken into the family and an inheritance by definition is a gift. So it is with our being a Christian. We have been adopted into God's family and we have inherited the Kingdom of God and eternal life. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "Whose Giving and Whose Receiving."

