

## + LENT SERVICE III +

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

*Welcome to our third, midweek Lenten Service. We continue reflecting on our brokenness; and how we have sinned against others, and against God. We also continue our meditation on how Jesus in His suffering and death paid the price in full for our sins. And we see in this the enormity of God's love and the hugeness of His mercy and compassion for us. Because of the setting for this service, the format has been kept "simple" and more informal with the purpose and intent being to allow us to focus in on these things. Our order of service will be as found on page 260, Service of Prayer and Preaching. Offerings will be collected at the door.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMN #433

#### OPENING VERSICLES FOR LENT pg. 260

#### HYMN #430 vs. 1-2 *(instead of OT Canticle on p. 261)*

READINGS see p. 263 *(please be seated)*

1. *Lamentations 3:21-26*

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

#### RESPONSE: PSALM 86 *read responsively, half verse by half verse*

2. *1 Peter 1:13-21*

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

Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel and the Responsory

3. *John 10:11-18*

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

#### RESPONSORY FOR LENT p. 263 *after the readings*

#### CATECHISM REVIEW: THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 264

#### SERMON HYMN #438

SERMON *Love That Spares No Cost*

#### PRAYERS p. 265

#### LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER p. 266

HYMN #430 vs. 3-4 *(instead of NT Canticle on pgs. 266-267)*

#### BLESSING

### DISMISSAL HYMN 430 vs. 5-7

Our theme for Lent this year for our 11:00 a.m. service is "O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High." It is taken from the hymn with the same title, Lutheran Service Book 544. This sermon series will set out to trace the enormous dimensions of God's merciful love for sinners in Christ. The primary goal is that we may more fully comprehend and rejoice in "the breadth and length and height and depth, of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge." A second goal is that we would come to associate each of the many dimensions of God's great love and mercy elaborated in this series with the suffering and death of Christ, enriching our Lenten meditation and our ongoing understanding of the cross. A third goal is that God's enormous love for us would move us to live in love and mercy towards others. Today we reflect on God's enormous love that spares no cost. How do we measure someone's love for someone else? There is no greater measure than we see in Jesus Christ. His humbling Himself to come to earth, taking on all our sins and dying on the cross to pay the price in full. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "Love That Spares No Cost."

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 74<sup>th</sup> 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 Concordia. The three church evening services have a different theme than these 11:00 a.m. services. Also, a friendly reminder, this Saturday night we switch to Daylight Savings Time. "Spring ahead one hour." And finally, it has been decided that we will have an Easter breakfast at 8:30 a.m. for members of Hope. It will be served family style, similar to last year. A sign-up sheet is now on the hallway bulletin board.

### - MIDWEEK SERVICES FOR HOPE LUTHERAN -

Mar 8 7:00 p.m. – Midweek Evening Service at Concordia

Mar 15 11:00 a.m. – Midweek Service at Hope

7:00 p.m. – Midweek Evening Service at Concordia

Mar 22 11:00 a.m. – Midweek Service at Hope

7:00 p.m. – Midweek Evening Service at Hope

Mar 29 11:00 a.m. – Midweek Service at Hope

7:00 p.m. – Midweek Evening Service at Hope

**Refreshments will be served after each of the evening services.**

