WELCOME - **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
3rd Sunday in Lent March 12, 2023

HYMNS 684 – 763 – 761 – 637, 430, 555 – 524

ORDER OF SERVICE Hymnal page 203 then proceed to the Kyrie, p. 204

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 95; ♫ *tone B*

Oh come, let us sing | to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!
Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;
Let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!
For the Lord is a | great God,
and a great King a- | bove all gods.
Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our | Maker!
For he | is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

Reader – Nichol Tieman. ***Assisting*** — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Sandy Jessee and Lois Swigert. ***Field Worker –*** Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Acolyte*** — Abby Loehr. ***Organ*** — Jackie Tieman. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 61; offrg, $3,285.

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.

BUNKO IS TOMORROW. 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.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Today following the service is **Junior Confirmation. Monday** at 11:30 a.m. is **BUNKO. Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is Bible Study, and at 7:00 p.m. is both **Board of Elders** meeting and **Alcoholics' Anonymous**. **Wednesday** at 11:00 a.m. is **Lenten Service** here at Hope and at 7:00 p.m. at Concordia. **Thursday,** Pastor will be in **Prison Ministry** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. **Saturday,** from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. is **Men's Breakfast Fellowship**. 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. 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.

WE'VE BEEN THERE GROUP next get together is a week from Monday, March 20. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. with an activity or program to follow. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. Please make plans to join us.

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.

PROPOSED MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT. Our committee has completed their work and have draft statements for our consideration. They have been placed on the hallway bulletin board for your review and any input you might have. It is planned for this to be presented and discussed and possibly approved at our March 28 Voters' Assembly. Input to provide? Please see any of our committee members and thank you to Janette Barry, Wanda Wuehler, Sandy Townzen, Jim Pennekamp and Eric Rohman for their efforts.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. JOHN. Next Sunday, March 19, St. John will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of their church. We congratulate them on God's blessings and the richness of this. Please consider reflecting on all this in your prayers and any greetings and conversations you have with their members.

EASTER BREAKFAST AT HOPE: It has once again been decided to have an Easter breakfast for members of Hope. A time of fellowship, joy, and celebration. It will be served family style, similar to last year at 8:30 a.m. Easter morning in the fellowship hall. This should give you time to gather after the 6:30 a.m. sunrise service in the park and before our 9:30 a.m. Easter Service Celebration. Please make plans to join us. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

JERICHO MARCH ON MARCH 19 AT THE ABORTION FACILITY here in Granite City at 3:00 p.m. This will be the Forty Days For Life Mid-Point Rally. Prayers and a brief message will be given and then, patterned after the Biblical account of Jericho, all those desiring can join in walking as many times as desired, up to seven times, around the facility. This should be a very moving event where we witness and give glory to God for the life and blessings He gives to us. Participation can be as much or as little as desired. Questions regarding any of this, please see Pastor.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Water is very vital to our lives. Doctors stress to us the importance of drinking water. It takes little imagination to know that you will not survive long without water. But have you ever thought about what is your source of water? And on a deeper level, there is both water for our body and for our soul. And they both come from Jesus; and both are vital to us. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "Water From A Rock."