

WELCOME - HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday April 9, 2023

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **He is risen indeed Alleluia!**

HYMNS 457 – 463 – 469 – 637, 741, 633 – 461

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 16; ♪ tone B

Preserve me, | O God,

for in you I take | refuge.

The Lord is my chosen portion | and my cup;

you | hold my lot.

I have set the Lord always be- | fore me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;

my flesh also | dwells secure.

You make known to me the | path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy;

at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Altar Flowers – Easter Lilies. *Reader* – Jim Pennekamp. *Assisting* – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Crucifer* – Travis Pennekamp. *Altar Guild* – Sandy Jessee and Lois Swigert. *Field Worker* – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Acolyte* – Sebastian Dauble. *Organ* – Elizabeth Meschke. *Last wk* – atnd, 54; ofrrg, \$3,636.

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.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Sundays – 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.

OTHER WAYS WE ARE STAYING IN TOUCH. You can view live or any time later our church services by going to: **HopeLutheranChurchGraniteCity,IL-Posts/Facebook.** CD audio recordings of each of our services are also available.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: There is **no Junior Confirmation today.** Following the service **Pastor and Sandy** will be leaving on **vacation** for a week to return the evening of April 16. **Monday** at 11:30 a.m. is **BUNKO.** **Tuesday** there is **no Bible Study** but at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous.** **Saturday** there will be **Men's Breakfast Fellowship** from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. With Pastor out of town, there will be **no Daily Devotion this week.**

LOOKING AHEAD: Upon Pastor and Sandy's return full activities resume April 17. We've Been There Group is April 17. Call Day at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne is April 25 and at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis is April 26. Baby shower for local charities is May 9.

BUNKO IS TOMORROW beginning at 11:30 a.m. with lunch. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please make plans to join us.

PLANS FOR THIS WEEK. With Pastor and Sandy out-of-town if emergencies or pastoral needs arise, please contact Pastor Hale from St. John at (630) 726-0128 or any of our Elders. With Pastor out-of-town there will be no Bible Class on Tuesday but there will be Men's Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday led by Pastor Hale. Full activities will be held next Sunday (including Bible Class led by Seminarian Sheppard) with the exception of Junior Confirmation following the service. Our guest pastor next Sunday will be Rev. Dale Skeesick, assisting pastor at Holy Cross, Collinsville.

SHARING HOPE IN THE JOY OF CHRIST. This is our new vision statement approved at our last Voters' Assembly Meeting. The vision statement that goes along with it is posted on the hallway bulletin board. Following all our Easter activities, led by the Holy Spirit, this will be further pursued.

PLEASE PRAY FOR CALL DAY CANDIDATES. May the Holy Spirit lead in the placing of these young men and women. Call Day at Fort Wayne is April 25 (May Itcovitch will receive her deaconess call) and St. Louis is April 26 (Sean Sheppard will receive his vicarage assignment).

THANK YOU FOR HELP. Lent is a very busy time. It requires the efforts of many people. Thank you to each of you for what you did – big or small, visible or "behind the scenes." We could not have done it without you. Thank you for using the gifts God has given you to His glory. Also, with Easter most of our music and liturgy now returns to "normal." But during the *Great Fifty Days of Easter* we will be singing *This is the Feast.*

THANK YOU FOR HELPING BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY with the Easter lilies. Following the service today feel free to take them home and enjoy them.

WE'VE BEEN THERE GROUP APRIL 17. Due to Easter, this is one week later than normal. We will meet here at the church at 11:30 for lunch followed by an activity. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. Please join us.

BABY SHOWER FOR LOCAL CHARITIES will be May 9. Invitations with more detailed information are being prepared and distributed.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Today is the highest festival in the Church year. We celebrate and walk secure and at peace knowing that Christ has defeated sin, death, and the devil. And even though man went to great lengths to try to keep Him there, the grave could not hold Him. And because of what He has done, it cannot hold us either. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "A Rock The Stone Can't Hold."

- Lilies Gracing the Altar -

Thank you! Donors may take theirs after the Easter service leaving any floor liners.

Sandy Cook & Sharon Gibson - in loving memory of Fred

& Loretta Luebbert

Gary & Marty Hoerle - to the glory of God (2)

Pastor and Sandy Beuster - to God be the Glory (2)

Pat Singleton - in loving memory of Peggy Raymond

Sandy Cook & Family - in loving memory of Harry Cook

Linda Stearns - to the glory of God

Sandy Jessee - to the glory of God & in loving memory
of Pat Tuttle (2)

Craig & Diane Signall - to the glory of God

Lois Swigert - in loving memory of Delores Butler

Millie Schubert - to the glory of God