

WELCOME - HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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“Sharing Hope In The Joy Of Christ”

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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.      Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter      April 23, 2023

**HYMNS 483 – 601 – 476 – 655 – 466, 563, 578 – 575**

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

**RESPONSE: sing after the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 116; ♪ tone C**

**I love the Lord, because | he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.  
Because he inclined his | ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.  
Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;  
our God is | merciful.  
For you have delivered my | soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.  
I will pay my vows | to the Lord  
in the presence of all his | people.**

*Reader* – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Assisting* — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Crucifer* – Travis Pennekamp. *Altar Guild* — Janette Barry. *Field Worker* – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Acolyte* — Abby Loehr. *Organ* — Jackie Tieman. *Last wk* – attend, 40; offrg, \$642.

**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.

**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.

**PLEASE KNOW** that private communion is always available. Please contact Pastor and appropriate arrangements will be made for this.

**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](http://www.hopelutherangc.org) with manuscripts of our sermons and bulletins.

**BABY SHOWER FOR LOCAL CHARITIES** will be May 9 beginning at 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Today** following the service is **Junior Confirmation.** **Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is Bible Study and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics’ Anonymous.** **Wednesday** at 3:30 p.m. is the Call Service at Concordia Seminary for **Vicarage Assignments.** **Thursday** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pastor will be in **Prison Ministry.** Pastor will be continuing to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope’s Facebook page.**

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Social Ministry Committee meeting is May 2. BUNKO is May 8. Baby shower for local charities and Board of Elders meeting is May 9. Work Day is May 13. We’ve Been There Group is May 17. May 18 is the Deaconess Call Service at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. Voters’ Assembly is May 23. Junior Confirmation is May 28. Vacation Bible School is July 24-28.

**WELCOME SEAMUS SHEPPARD.** Today as part of our service we will have the Holy Baptism of Seamus Sheppard where he will become a child of God: clothed in the righteousness of Christ and anointed by the Holy Spirit. We rejoice in this day and offer our congratulations to Seamus. As he will very soon be receiving his vicarage assignment and being Seamus’ father, Seminarian Sheppard will be conducting the Baptism under the supervision of Pastor Beuster. We welcome all the guests and visitors here today associated with the Sheppard family. The baptism will follow the Confession and Absolution in our liturgy.

**A BIG WEEK FOR THE SHEPPARD’S.** In addition to the Baptism today and all the family they have visiting, this will be a big week for Sean and Fiona. Sean will be presenting our sermon message today as part of his classwork; and Wednesday afternoon at the Call Service at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Sean will be receiving his vicarage assignment. To that end, some have asked “how long” will we be able to continue to have the Sheppard’s with us. Towards the end of May, Sean and Fiona (and Seamus) will begin their journey towards their next destination. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and lead them in ministry in the plans He has set forth for them.

**HOPE SPRING WORK DAY.** Similar to what has been done in the past, we have set aside Saturday, May 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m. for a church cleaning day. Many jobs are needed to be done. Join us/help out as you are able. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board for specific tasks you would like to take on. Also, you can sign-up for any job and do it at another time as you are able versus May 13. Working together, your help in getting our church property ready for spring and summer can be fun and is appreciated.

**“SHARING HOPE IN THE JOY OF CHRIST.”** What does that mean to you and are you doing this? It has now become our new mission statement. You will begin seeing more intentional use of this in our bulletin and stationary and our church services as we develop this as our focus and continue to go forward, led by the Holy Spirit.

**OUR NEXT WE’VE BEEN THERE OUTING** will be May 17. We will leave from the church at 8:00 a.m. and drive to Casey, IL (about a 2 hour drive). We will visit the shops until noon, have lunch (order from menu at own cost) and then return home. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

**JUNIOR CONFIRMATION IS MAY 28.** Following the service there will be a reception and luncheon in the fellowship hall for our confirmands (Isaac Beatty and Abby Loehr). The entire congregation is invited to this. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board,

**DISTRIBUTION OF HAM AND CHEESE.** Earlier it was reported that \$516 had been collected for this; a further follow-up is now made that 28 hams and 6 blocks of cheese were purchased and donated to the Salvation Army in Venice as suggested by the United Way. Again, thank you for your generosity and help with this project.

**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.

#### Vision Statement

*“Hope is Faith Holding Out its Hand in the Dark.”*

United in faith through the Word of God, our vision for the future is to equip our people and others to grow in love and service to Christ. To this end, by God’s grace, we will strive to share this faith through worship, fellowship, and outreach. We will live our lives in the Word, nurture each other and our community, and minister to those in need.