

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.  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter      May 7, 2023

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**HYMNS 912 – 645 – 687 – 461, 490, 644 – 660**

**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 146;** ♪ *tone B*

**Praise | the Lord!**

**Praise the Lord, | O my soul!**

**Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,  
whose hope is in the | Lord his God.**

**The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes | of the blind.**

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves  
the | righteous.**

**The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and | fatherless  
but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.**

**The Lord will reign for- | ever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the Lord!**

*Reader* — Janette Barry. *Assisting* — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Crucifer* — Travis Pennekamp. *Altar Guild* — Anna Hollenbeck and Janette Barry. *Field Worker* — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Acolyte* — Sebastian Dauble. *Organ* — Jackie Tieman. *Last wk* – atndd, 52; offrg, \$2,774.

*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** – (children, teens, adults); 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study and 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:** Today, following the service is **Junior Confirmation** and at 2:00 p.m. Pastor will be leading the service at **Eden Retirement Village.** **Monday** at 11:30 a.m. is **BUNKO.** **Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study,** at 11:30 a.m. is **Baby Shower for Local Charities** and at 7:00 p.m. is both **Alcoholics' Anonymous** and **Board of Elders** meetings. **Thursday** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Pastor will be in **Prison Ministry.** **Saturday** beginning at 9:00 a.m. is **Hope's Spring Work Day.** Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page.**

**LOOKING AHEAD:** We've Been There Group trip to Casey, IL is May 17. May 18 is the Deaconess Call Service at Concordia, Fort Wayne, IN. Men's Breakfast Fellowship is May 20. Voters' Assembly is May 23. Junior Confirmation is May 28 (Pentecost). Vacation Bible School is July 24-28.

**BUNKO IS TOMORROW** beginning at 11:30 a.m. with lunch. Always good food, fun, and fellowship. Please make plans to join them. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

**BABY SHOWER FOR LOCAL CHARITIES IS TUESDAY,** beginning at 11:30 a.m. Ladies, if possible you are asked to bring one baby picture of yourself in an envelope for one of the games. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. It is not too late to join them.

**PLANS FOR THE SHEPPARD'S.** With the completion of the school year at the seminary and Sean's vicarage assignment to Jacksonville Beach, FL, it is looking like Sean and Fiona and Seamus' last day with us will be May 21. Thank you Sean for your last two years with us and may the Holy Spirit lead you as you continue on with the development and plans He has for you.

**HOPE SPRING WORK DAY.** We have set aside this coming Saturday, May 13 beginning at 9:00 a.m. for a church cleaning day. 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.

**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.

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

**THEME FOR THE DAY:** Casually, even in just making conversation, we often say, "Stay out of trouble." But how do you define trouble and how do you stay out of it? Jesus in our Gospel reading says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." And in our first reading Stephen seems to be in trouble as he goes before the Sanhedrin and is taken out and stoned to become the first martyr of the New Testament Church. What do we get from all this? Today we will look at what we are told in Scripture in a message entitled, "Staying Out of Trouble."