

WELCOME - HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
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"Sharing Hope In The Joy Of Christ"

Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
6th Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023

HYMNS 722 – 685 – 849 – 801, 773, 725, 556 – 655

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 66; ♪ tone C

Bless our God, O | peoples;

**let the sound of his | praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the | living
and has not let our | feet slip.**

I will come into your house with burnt | offerings;

**I will perform my | vows to you,
Come and hear, all you who | fear God,
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.**

Blessèd | be God,

**because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love
from me!**

Altar Flowers — Craig and Diane Signall — to the glory to God. *Reader* – Ken Halbe. *Assisting* — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Crucifer* – Travis Pennekamp. *Altar Guild* — Lois Swigert and Sandy Jessee. *Field Worker* – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. *Acolyte* — Abby Loehr. *Organ* — Jackie Tieman. *Last wk* – atnd, 46; offrg, \$3,211.

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 with manuscripts of our sermons and bulletins.

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** leaving from the church at 8:00 a.m. is **We've Been There Group trip to Casey, IL.** **Thursday,** Pastor and Sandy will be at Fort Wayne Seminary for the **Deaconess Call Service** for May Itzcovitch. **Saturday** from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. is **Men's Breakfast Fellowship.** Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion on Hope's Facebook page.**

LOOKING AHEAD: Voters' Assembly is May 23. Junior Confirmation will be May 28 (Pentecost). Vacation Bible School is July 24-28.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY. Today we recognize the honorable and noble God-given vocation of motherhood. A sincere thank you to all the ladies in the congregation for all the sacrifices you make and the "motherly" love, care and support you provide. Following the service a gift of acknowledgment and appreciation will be given from the Social Ministry Committee to all the ladies in our congregation.

DEACONESS CALL SERVICE is this coming Thursday at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. May Itzcovitch will be receiving her call into full time ministry in the Church. Praise to God that May's continued service is an extension of our ministry here at Hope.

WE'VE BEEN THERE OUTING IS WEDNESDAY. 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. It is not too late to join us.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH SPRING CLEAN-UP. A big thank you for all who were able to help with our spring clean-up activities yesterday. For those of you desiring to do more, it's not too late. A sign-up for tasks still needing to be accomplished remains on the hallway bulletin board to be completed as schedules allow. Thank you for all your help.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE BABY SHOWER FOR CHARITIES. Once again a very successful event on all fronts. A big thank you to all who helped with this.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP IS SATURDAY from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Men, please join us for a light breakfast, fellowship, and learning and growing together in God's Word.

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.

AN OPEN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDIES. We have Bible Study (that includes fellowship and snacks) each Tuesday from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. From 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. each Sunday is also Bible Study. And men – the third Saturday each month from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m., we have Men's Breakfast/Fellowship. Each of our studies is designed to make you feel welcome and can be joined at any time. It is so critical and important that we be in God's Word.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Who is it that you worship? Seems like a "simple, straight forward question" until we really think about it. We have many choices and temptations. In our first reading today, Paul sees that the men of Athens had so many gods that they even had an altar "to the unknown god" in case they missed one. We are called on to worship the one Triune God. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "Worshipping Our Reason For Hope."

