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.
The Day of Pentecost May 28, 2023

**HYMNS 915 – 497 – 605 – 740 (solo) – 570, 701, 722, 496 – 783**

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

**RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 25**; ♫ *tone B*

**To you, | O Lord,**
**I lift | up my soul.**
**Make me know your ways, | O Lord;**
**teach me | your paths.**
**Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation;**
**for you I wait all the | day long.**
**Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your | steadfast love,**
**for they have been | from of old.**
**The friendship of the Lord is for those who | fear him,**
**and he makes known to them his | covenant.**

***Altar Flowers*** — Linda Stearns — in memory of Bill Stearns. ***Reader*** — Phil Lamm. ***Assisting*** — Ken Halbe. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Janette Barry. ***Acolyte*** — Sebastian Dauble. ***Organ*** — Elizabeth Meschke. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 48; offrg, $1,374.

***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: **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.** 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.

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

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Today** is both **Pentecost** and **Junior Confirmation.** Following the service there will be a **reception and luncheon** in the fellowship hall for our **Junior Confirmands. Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study** and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous** meeting. **Thursday** Pastor will be in **Sidewalk Ministry** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and **Prison Ministry** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page.**

**LOOKING AHEAD:** June 6 is Social Ministry Committee Meeting. June 12 is BUNKO. June 26 is We've Been There Group trip to Botanical Garden. Vacation Bible School is July 24-28.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ISAAC BEATTY AND ABBY LOEHR.** Today, in addition to this being Pentecost, it is also Junior Confirmation. Isaac Beatty and Abby Loehr have successfully completed two years of training and will now be taken in today as communicant members with full church rights and privileges here at Hope. It is a day of joy and rejoicing. Isaac and Abby – we welcome you and encourage you to remain active in the church and God's Word. Members of Hope – please join us in welcoming Isaac and Abby in a reception and luncheon that will follow the service in the fellowship hall.

**BUNKO AND LUNCH** will be June 12. A sign-up sheet is now on the hallway bulletin board.

**SUPPORT TO MOSAIC HEALTH** This past week we got the final numbers back from Mosaic on our baby bottle collection. Mosaic reported that since this time last year there has been a 212% increase in appointments. In total, 2,798 individual bottles were collected from 107 different churches/groups in the Metro East resulting in $93,723 raised. From Hope, we contributed $514. Mosaic expressed to us their appreciation for our love for our Lord and the sanctity of life He has created. Thank you and good work, fellow saints of Hope.

**EXCITING NEWS!** In the past we had a Care Committee. With COVID it was shut down but it has been our desire to again restart it. Sandy Townzen and Wanda Wuehler have now stepped up willing to serve as co-chairs for this committee; with Sandy as social services specialist and Wanda as parish nurse. Thank you ladies. More to follow on all this but if you are interested in being part of the committee and helping them, please see, Sandy, Wanda or Pastor.

**DON'T TAKE THE SUMMER OFF!** With Memorial Day weekend we unofficially have the start of summer activities. Many times that means for some, less involvement in the church. Please don't let that be the case for you. Enjoy summer and be safe, but please also continue in worship and service to our Lord. As He *always* is faithful to us, may we respond to His calling to be faithful to Him.

**SPECIAL MUSIC TODAY.** With today being Junior Confirmation, we have much special music today. After the Collect, before our Scripture readings, our choir will sing. Following the sermon as we prepare for the Rite of Confirmation we will sing hymn number 605. Our offertory will be a solo of hymn number 740. And our opening communion hymn, number 570, will first be played by our bell choir and then our bell choir accompanying us as we sing that hymn in its entirety.

**THEME FOR THE DAY**: What a great and glorious day this is! Pentecost and Junior Confirmation. The Holy Spirit has been mightily at work to get us to this point! Today may we be reminded of this, that it is not what we have done but what He has done. Today on this day of celebration, may we as the title of the sermon message tells us, "Put God First."