

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.
5th Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023

HYMNS 657- 411 – 605 – 623, 425, 579, 696 – 965

ORDER OF SERVICE Hymnal page 203 then proceed to the Kyrie, p. 204

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 119; ♪ *tone C*

Look on my affliction and de- | liver me,

for I do not for- | get your law.

Plead my cause and re- | deem me;

give me life according to your | promise!

Great is your mercy, | O Lord;

give me life according to your | just decrees.

Consider how I love your | precepts!

Give me life according to your | steadfast love.

The sum of your | word is truth,

and every one of your just and righteous decrees endures for- | ever.

Reader — Ken Halbe. *Assisting* — Ken Halbe. *Crucifer* – Travis Pennekamp.

Altar Guild — Anna Hollenbeck and Janette Barry. *Organ* — Jackie Tieman.

Last wk – attnd, 51; offrg, \$2,230.

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.; **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.

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 at 2:00 p.m. Pastor will be leading the service at **Eden Retirement Village**. **Tuesday** there will be **no Bible Study** (4th of July) but at 7:00 p.m. will be **Alcoholics’ Anonymous** meeting here at Hope. **Thursday** Pastor will be in **Sidewalk Ministry** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Pastor will be in **Prison Ministry**. Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion on Hope’s Facebook page**.

LOOKING AHEAD: Vacation Bible School will take place on July 24-28. Hope’s Fall Sale will be September 30.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE JULY PROJECT. It is hard to believe but we are already beginning to look towards going back to school. To that end, the Social Ministry Committee July project is a familiar one. New socks and underwear are being collected for needy children as they prepare to go back to school. They can be placed in the box by the rear church doors. All children’s sizes (K-H.S.) are needed and your donations are greatly appreciated.

THE JOY AND GROWTH OF BEING IN GOD’S WORD. We have a God that does not leave us speculating but comes to us and gives us His Word. His Word that created us, recreated us (from sin) as His children, and sustains and increases our faith. An all-powerful God over all the universe and your eternal home – why would we not want to listen and learn from what He has to say to us? Encouragement is again given to please, please take every opportunity you can to be in God’s Word. Many Bible studies are offered as well as sources for daily devotions. Let’s together grow in faith and fellowship this summer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS GETTING CLOSER! It will be from July 24 – 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. (Breakfast available beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day). If you know of any students entering kindergarten through sixth grade, please invite them. Questions – please see Diane Signall. To date, approximately 16 children have registered to participate.

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

FINDING PEACE IN THE LORD. Many of you are facing challenges and struggles. It is part of life and it is easy to become discouraged and downtrodden. Yet our Lord comes to us and offers us peace and comfort and strength in Him. Please, for those times in the valleys of life, find encouragement in fellow believers and turn to our Good Shepherd who invites us to come to Him and carries us on His shoulders. May you find that peace here today that Christ offers to you as we gather in His house to hear His Word and sing His praises.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Today we complete our Scripture readings assigned to Jesus’ missionary discourse. Last week recall we said Jesus sends us and it will not be easy, but He promises to be with us. Today, in the last verse of our Gospel reading Jesus says that He who gives one of these little ones (the sent disciples) a cup of cold water will by no means lose his reward. Which raises the questions, who are these “little ones” and what is in the water? Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, “Little Ones With A Big Message.”