

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.
8th Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2023

HYMNS 663 – 773 – 789 – 762, 735, 761, 525 – 575

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 B

The Lord is my | portion;

I promise to | keep your words.

I entreat your favor with | all my heart;

be gracious to me according to your | promise.

When I think | on my ways,

I turn my feet to your testi- | monies;

I am a companion of all who | fear you,

of those who keep your | precepts.

The earth, O Lord, is full of your | steadfast love;

teach me your | statutes!

Reader — Nichol Tieman. *Assisting* — Ken Halbe. *Crucifer* — Travis Pennekamp. *Altar Guild* — Janette Barry. *Organ* — Barbara Rattelmuller. *Last wk* – atnd, 49; offrg, \$1,875.

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.; **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.

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

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. each day (breakfast at 9:00 a.m.) until 1:00 p.m. will be **Vacation Bible School. Tuesday** there will be **no Bible Study (VBS)** but at 7:00 p.m. will be **Alcoholics' Anonymous** meeting here at Hope. Due to VBS Pastor will not be doing Sidewalk Ministry or Prison Ministry on Thursday but Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion on Hope's Facebook page.**

LOOKING AHEAD: Hope's Fall Sale will be September 30. The next Forty Days For Life campaign will be September 27 through November 5.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW! It will be a busy and exciting week for us here at Hope. Vacation Bible School will take place Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day with breakfast offered to the children from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Many opportunities to help children grow, have good fun, and learn about Christ. Thank you to all who are helping with this; especially our director, Diane Signall. Even if not directly involved, feel free to stop by at any time to observe and join in; especially our opening at 9:30 a.m. and our closing at 12:45 p.m. each day in the sanctuary. Especially encouraged to attend will be on Friday when a program will be put on by the children from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., including award presentations.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO DeANDRE (DRE) BOYD. Dre has been worshipping and involved with us for a number of weeks now and recently he completed adult instruction. Today, following the sermon, in the Rite of Confirmation, Dre will be taken in as a communicant member here at Hope. What a grand and glorious day this is. Welcome, Dre, into full membership with us here at Hope. Following the service there will be refreshments and a brief reception for Dre in the fellowship hall.

SOCIAL MINISTRY'S JULY PROJECT CONTINUES. New socks and underwear are continuing to be collected for needy children as they prepare to go back to school. Cash donations can also be given to any member of our Social Ministry Committee for them to purchase the supplies. All children's sizes (K-H.S.) are needed and your donations are greatly appreciated. They can be placed in the box by the rear church doors.

THANK YOU. A big thank you to all who were able to help us yesterday with clean-up and preparations for VBS. As of the time of printing of this bulletin, we have 23 young people registered for VBS.

THEME FOR THE DAY: The Church Year is divided into two halves. The festival half, extending from Advent through the day of Pentecost, centers on the life of Christ, reminding us of what God has done and continues to do for us through His Son. The non-festival half, extending from Trinity Sunday through the Last Sunday of the Church Year (which we are now in) focuses on the life of the Church as it is strengthened daily by God's Word. We have seen this recently in our past themes. Such things as evangelism efforts, finding rest in Christ, and being in God's Word. Today in our Epistle reading the Apostle Paul alludes to the Holy Spirit praying on our behalf. Thus, in accordance with our growth in Christ, today we will look at the certainty of our prayers during uncertain times. Today we will do this in a message entitled, "God Speaks To God on Your Behalf."

