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.
9th Sunday after Pentecost July 30, 2023

HYMNS 644 – 752 – 818 – 851, 673, 743, 645 – 922

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 125; ♫ *tone B*

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount | Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his | people,
from this time forth and for- | evermore.
For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the | righteous,
lest the righteous stretch out their hands to | do wrong.
Do good, O Lord, to those | who are good,
and to those who are upright | in their hearts!
But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evil- | doers!
Peace be upon | Israel!

Reader — Janette Barry. ***Assisting*** — Phil Lamm. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Janette Barry. ***Organ*** — Jackie Tieman. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 58 offrg, $1,762.

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. 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: Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study,** at 11:30 a.m. is **Social Ministry Committee meeting,** and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous** meeting here at Hope. **Wednesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Care Committee meeting. 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. in **Prison Ministry.** 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY JULY PROJECT ENDS TODAY. The month long collection of new socks and underwear for needy children as they prepare to go back to school ends today. Thank you for all the donations made. If anyone has any "last minute" donations of either clothing or money to purchase socks and underwear, please see any of the members of our Social Ministry Committee. The needs are great and thank you for your response.

CARE COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY at 10:00 a.m. in the library. We have talked about restarting this committee for some time now and many of you have expressed interest in it. The idea is that there are many members of our church who from time to time need a little assistance. Committee members help as appropriate but also help identify and facilitate other church members who are also able to lend a hand. This initial meeting next Wednesday is to identify our mission and how we will proceed. To help in planning and perhaps also to have "treats" to enjoy while we meet, a sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING is this Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. This committee continues to be very busy and is providing help in a number of ways. All ladies are welcome to join them.

THANK YOU ALL FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF VBS! This past week was a very busy at Hope; but also very successful as we conducted our VBS Program. In total, 24 different students participated this year. There were Bible stories, cooking classes, crafts, games, and music. God's name was proclaimed. Thank you to all who helped in any way with this. Diane Signall, as director, you do a fantastic job with this.

TODAY'S ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS tell us that the people of God are treasured possessions, chosen and loved for all eternity. God's divine, amazing grace embraces us. God's divine deliverance rescues us from tribulation, persecution, danger, and death. Anything that would separate us from the love of God in Christ is rendered completely powerless! God's people, made righteous by Him, will live forever as citizens in the kingdom of heaven.

THEME FOR THE DAY: You are a treasured possession! Do you always feel that way? Do you ever feel that way? Yet you are. Today's Scripture readings all speak well to this. Why are you a chosen possession? Our Scripture readings for today also tell us why. Because in His love, God has chosen you. And with this, no matter what we face we can be at peace and know that we are God's very own treasured possession. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "He Loves Us Because He Loves Us."