

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.
10th Sunday after Pentecost August 6, 2023

HYMNS 684 – 642 – 637 – 618, 641, 633, 632 – 770

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 136; 🎵 tone C

**Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for | God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.**

**To him who struck down the firstborn of | Egypt,
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
and brought Israel out from a- | mong them,
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.**

**Give thanks to the | Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.**

Reader — Ken Halbe. *Assisting* — Ken Halbe. *Crucifer* – Travis Pennekamp.
Altar Guild — Anna Hollenbeck and Janette Barry. *Organ* — Jackie Tieman.
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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. You can view live or any time later our church services and daily devotions by going to: **HopeLutheranChurch GraniteCity,IL–Posts/Facebook**. We also continue to keep our website current: **www.hopelutherangc.org** with information, upcoming events, and manuscripts of our sermons and bulletins. CD audio recordings of each of our services are also available.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Today at 2:00 p.m. Pastor will be leading the service at **Eden Retirement Village**. **Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study** and at 7:00 p.m. is **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. 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. A Three Church Picnic is planned for October 7 (rain date October 14). The next Forty Days For Life campaign will be September 27 through November 5.

WE’VE BEEN THERE GROUP: In accordance with our regular schedule, our next outing would be August 21; but it will not be on this date. A get together will be held this month; but the event and scheduling of it are still being finalized and will be announced soon. At this point please look for a meeting this month but after August 21.

THE THREE CHURCH PICNIC IS BACK! It is scheduled for October 7 at St. John (outside) with rain date of October 14. Food will be provided and there will be games and prizes. Accommodations are also being worked for all to be able to attend. More information to follow but it is important that we make you aware and start planning towards this date/event.

ACCESS TO DAILY DEVOTIONS. We have frequently invited you to be a part of our daily devotions. But we have just come to realize that not everyone may know how to access them. This can be done similar to accessing our weekly worship service (live stream or posted). You need to only go to our facebook page to accomplish this. You do not need to be a member of facebook. Just go to: **HopeLutheranChurchGraniteCity,IL–Posts/Facebook** and draw strength in being together daily in God’s Word.

NEED FOR PRIVATE COMMUNION OR HOME VISIT. If you or someone you know is in need of this, please contact Pastor and appropriate arrangements will be made for this.

TODAY’S ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS reminds us that the Lord’s Word quenches thirst, satisfies hunger, and conveys an everlasting covenant between God and His people. These free gifts are offered and provided to all who believe and have faith in Jesus. In this way all who hear and trust His Word are completely satisfied with the truth, righteousness, and compassion of Christ.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Today our assigned Old Testament reading gives us some very beautiful, encouraging, strengthening and hopeful words. And it all begins with the command to “come.” Four times in the very first verse (Isaiah 55:1) we are given the invitation to “come.” But with that invitation come the questions; is it good and what does it cost? Going on in our Old Testament reading we find out it is very good and at no cost. Our only requirement is to come. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, “Come! It Is Life and It Is Free.”