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.
11th Sunday after Pentecost August 13, 2023

HYMNS 816 – 717 – 849 – 571, 817, 555 – 588

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 18; ♫ *tone B*

I | love you,
O | Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my | stronghold.
I call upon the Lord, who is worthy | to be praised,
and I am saved from my | enemies.
In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I | cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him | reached his ears.

Reader — Phil Lamm. ***Assisting*** — Phil Lamm. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Sandy Jessee and Linda Widel. ***Organ*** — Elizabeth Meschke. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 52; offrg, $3,665.

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. 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: Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. will be **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. Saturday** will be **Men's Breakfast Fellowship** from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page**.

LOOKING AHEAD: We've Been There Group will be August 23. 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.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER AT HOPE. We are continuing to move forward with revitalizing our Care Committee. Both in terms of those who may need help and those who possibly can provide the help. As a bulletin insert today you will see a form to identify on one side those who may need help (you or someone you know) and those who may be able to help. Our Care Committee asks that you fill this out and return it to the church office by the end of August. Our vision is that all members of Hope help each other as able with our committee leading and facilitating this happening. "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

WE'VE BEEN THERE GROUP will be August 23. Note the date change from our regular schedule due to our original plans "falling through." We will meet at the church at 9:45 a.m. to leave no later than 10:00 a.m. to go to Alton, IL to Mississippi Mud Pottery where we will be given a 45 minute or so tour. Other than if you want to purchase pottery, there is no cost for this. After that, there are many eateries in the area and we will have lunch (at your cost) and return to church.

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.

DAILY DEVOTIONS CAN BE ACCESSED by going to our facebook page. Just go to: **HopeLutheranChurch GraniteCity,IL–Posts/Facebook** and draw strength in being together in God's Word.

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

HOPE'S FALL SALE will be September 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The sale will be in the fellowship hall and tables can be rented for $20 for your goods and profits. Homemade baked goods are also appreciated and will be sold at this event. A hot dog lunch stand is also planned. All proceeds from the table rental and baked goods and lunch stand will go to Social Ministry to help with their projects. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board for those wishing to rent tables.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Today our message will focus on our Old Testament reading and the account of Job. In our assigned reading God puts Job in his place by asking him some questions regarding the universe. It put Job (and us) in our place as we realize how powerful and almighty God is and how weak and fragile we are. It also causes us to ask where is our heart, how do we fit into all this, and why do we fear and follow God? Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "Who Is At the Center Of Your Universe?"