

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.
12th Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 2023

HYMNS 722 – 653 – 424 – 845, 832, 744, 733 – 649

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RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 67; ♪ tone B

**May God be gracious to us and | bless us
and make his face to shine up- | on us,
that your way may be | known on earth,
your saving power among all | nations.
Let the peoples praise you, | O God;
let all the peoples | praise you!
The earth has yielded its | increase;
God, our God, shall | bless us.
God shall | bless us;
let all the ends of the earth | fear him!**

Altar Flowers — Barbara Phelps — celebrating her birthday. *Reader* — Jim Pennekamp. *Assisting* — Ken Halbe. *Crucifer* — Travis Pennekamp. *Altar Guild* — Charlie Finck and Janette Barry. *Organ* — Barbara Rattelmuller. *Last wk* – atnd, 38 offrg, \$1,185.

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. is **Bible Study** and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous** meeting here at Hope. **Wednesday** leaving from the church at 10:00 a.m. is **We've Been There Group**. **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 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 IS WEDNESDAY. We will meet at the church at 9:45 a.m. to leave by 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. It is not too late to join us. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

THE THREE CHURCH PICNIC IS COMING! It will be October 7 at 12:00 p.m. at St. John with a rain date of October 14. While it will be outside, accommodations are being made to handle everyone. Food will be provided and includes chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, slaw, cupcakes, cookies and drinks. There is no cost to individuals. Games and prizes are also planned. More information will 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.

DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION OF CARE COMMITTEE SURVEY CONTINUES. This is an important step as we look to get the process in place and our Care Committee restarted. We are looking for areas you may be willing and able to help others or you or someone you know may need help. It is asked 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. Questions/comments, please see Sandy Townzen or Wanda Wuehler.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Today's Gospel reading can be troubling. A Canaanite woman came to Jesus begging and saying all the right things and Jesus seems to not only rebuke her at first, but also be harsh with her. What is going on here? And can you relate to the Canaanite woman when God seems to take things away or abandon you? Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "A Life Of Faith Is Not Easy."

