WELCOME - HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.11th Sunday after PentecostAugust 21, 2022

HYMNS 915 - 563 - 433 - 618, 851, 673, 680 - 922

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 50; *I* tone C

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and sum- | mons the earth from the rising of the sun to its | setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of | beauty,

God | shines forth.

Gather to me my | faithful ones,

who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice! Offer to God a sacrifice of thanks- | giving,

and perform your vows to the | Most High,

and call upon me in the day of | trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.

Altar Flowers — Barbara Phelps — to the glory of God. *Reader* — Marlene Pennekamp. *Assisting* — Phil Lamm. *Crucifer* – Travis Pennekamp. *Altar Guild* — Charlie Finck and Janette Barry. *Organ* — Jackie Tieman. *Last wk* – attnd, 49; offrg, \$1,858.

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 - 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 by going to: **HopeLutheranChurchGraniteCity**, **IL–Posts/Facebook.** CD audio recordings of each of our services are also available.

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**, and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous** meeting here at Hope. Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page**.

LOOKING AHEAD: (including September as we look towards Fall activities): The next 40 Days for Life organizational meeting will be August 29. The actual campaign will be September 28 through November 6. BUNKO returns September 12. We've Been There Group (at church) is September 19. The Fall Sale is September 24. Voters' Assembly is September 27. October 2 Social Ministry Committee will be having a soup luncheon to raise money towards an ultrasound machine for Mosaic.

COLLECTION OF SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR FOR BACK TO SCHOOL ENDS TODAY. Thank you for the generosity shown by so many of you for needy children. Today does end our campaign for this. Donations can still be placed in the box by the rear church doors. After today, if still wanting to donate, please see any member of our Social Ministry Committee.

BUNKO IS COMING BACK. September 12, beginning at 11:30 a.m., will be lunch and BUNKO. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. Please join us for good food, fun, and fellowship.

SEMINARIAN SEAN SHEPPARD AND WIFE, FIONA, HAVE RETURNED. Last Tuesday Sean informed Pastor that he and Fiona have now returned to St. Louis. An appeal was made last week for furniture needs for the newly married couple. Some of you responded. Thank you. Needs that still remain include dressers, rugs, shoe/coat rack and living room seating. If you have any of these items available for them, please see Pastor. We will come to your home to get them.

TRANSITIONING TO FALL. It seems with the start of the school year and August well over half over, we've begun making that transition into fall activities. The same is true in the church. You'll notice today that many of our "Looking Ahead" activities is focusing us out into the start-up of things related to September. With the start-up of fall activities, why not each of us rededicate ourselves and our involvement in Church? If not already, why not get involved in Bible studies? At least give them a try. Why not even talk to Pastor about a Bible study or activity you would like to see started? As we move into fall, a perfect time to reconnect, reinvigorate, and return to the Lord. As He has promised, He will truly bless us.

APPOINTED READINGS FOR THE DAY: The Lord makes all things new in heaven and on earth. We struggle against sin; Jesus sheds blood to acquit. Sons and daughters rebel; the Lord disciplines and loves. Punishment is temporal; peaceful righteousness is forever. We are heirs of this new paradox worthy of disdain; but in Christ we inherit His divine favor. Believers do not weep and gnash their teeth. But in heaven, faith-filled tongues and hearts will be engaged in unbridled confession and worship of Jesus.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Today in our Gospel reading, Jesus uses the metaphor of an open door as an illustration for entry into the Kingdom of Heaven. There is much we can learn and apply to our lives from this. Consider the contrast. An open door being joyous and inviting; while a closed, locked door being cold, and isolated, and separated. Today we will consider all this and give thanks for what it is for us, in the message entitled, "The Door Is Still Open For You." Blessèd