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.
13th Sunday after Pentecost August 27, 2023

HYMNS 913 – 645 – 940 – 628, 623, 783, 730 – 662

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 138; ♫ *tone B*

I give you thanks, O Lord, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I | sing your praise;
On the day I called, you | answered me;
my strength of soul | you increased.
For though the Lord is high, he regards the | lowly,
but the haughty he knows | from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- | serve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand de- | livers me.
The Lord will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the
work | of your hands.

Altar Flowers — Phil and Debbie Lamm — celebrating 50th anniversary. ***Reader*** — Marlene Pennekamp. ***Assisting*** — Phil Lamm. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Janette Barry. ***Organ*** — Barbara Rattelmuller. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 53; offrg, $1,227.

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. **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: BUNKO will be September 11. Hope's Fall Sale will be September 30. The Three Church Picnic is planned for October 7. The next Forty Days For Life campaign will be September 27 through November 5.

A GOOD TIME TO JOIN BIBLE STUDY. As fall approaches, it is a good (and natural) time to join in our Bible studies. They are organized that they can be joined at any time. But our Tuesday morning group will be starting a new study in September. Likewise, our Men's Breakfast Fellowship Study, will soon be starting a new study. Sunday morning study is continuing in the life of Christ but soon will be starting the events of Holy Week which will act as a natural starting point for a new study. It is so critical and important that we all be in God's Word.

LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER. These are special ordered for members needing them. However, some of our members who took advantage of them have now been called home and others may now need this. The October-December large print edition is now available in the church office. To help us out, please let Pastor know if you are in need of one.

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. It is asked that families bring a side dish (salad or vegetable) to share. There is no cost to individuals. Games and prizes are also planned. A sign-up sheet is now on the hallway bulletin board.

PLANNING TOWARDS HOPE'S FALL SALE. Do you have items at home that you would like to sell? Rent a table ($20) and be a part of our Fall Sale on September 30. Take advantage of the facilities and the larger crowd from a consignment sale. For all of us – please put it on your calendar and make plans to stop by. Always many good items for sale as well as support our local members. Also enjoy the bake sale and hot dog lunch stand. All proceeds from table rental, baked goods and lunch stand will go to Social Ministry to help with their projects. Sign-up for table rental is on the hallway bulletin board. Please also see the bulletin insert.

LAST WEEK FOR PUSH FOR RETURN OF CARE COMMITTEE SURVEY RESPONSES. If you have not already done so, please help us out as we look to get this process going again. The survey provides areas you would be willing to help (one side) as well as ways you or someone you know needs help (other side). Our goal is to get these surveys back by the end of August to then move forward in September. Questions/comments, please see Sandy Townzen or Wanda Wuehler. If you need a survey, they are available on the table by the rear church doors.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Our Gospel reading is familiar to most all of us. Jesus is in private with His disciples and He surveys them on two questions. Who do people think that I am; and who do you think that I am. Both very important questions. How do we answer that today? In our sermon this morning we will consider this in a message entitled, "In The Dark Looking For the Switch."