WELCOME - **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
15th Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2022

HYMNS 851 – 566 – 427 – 845, 730, 743, 617 – 694

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RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 113; ♫ *tone B*

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants | of the Lord,
praise the name | of the Lord!
Blessèd be the name | of the Lord
from this time forth and for- | evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its | setting,
the name of the Lord is | to be praised!
The Lord is high above all | nations,
and his glory above the | heavens!
He raises the poor | from the dust
and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,
to make them sit with | princes,
with the princes of his | people.

Reader — Ken Halbe. ***Assisting*** — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Charlie Finck and Janette Barry. ***Organ*** — Elizabeth Meschke. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 53; offrg, $2,010.

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.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Monday at 11:30 a.m. is **We've Been There Group. Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study** and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous** meeting here at Hope. **Thursday** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pastor will be in **Prison Ministry**. **Saturday** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will be the **Fall Sale/Bake Sale**. Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page**.

WEDDING SHOWER TODAY. Please join us following the service today as we "catch up" and celebrate with Sean and Fiona their wedding earlier this summer in Michigan. Sandwiches, salads, and dessert will be provided along with a chance to say congratulations and get to know the Sheppard's a little better.

WE'VE BEEN THERE GROUP IS TOMORROW beginning at 11:30 a.m. here at church. BBQ lunch will be served and indoor or outdoor games offered as desired. Even if you have not signed up, you can still join us. This is always a fun event with good food and fellowship.

FALL / BAKE SALE IS NEXT SATURDAY. Please stop by and join us for lunch, fellowship and support to our members selling items. The set-up will be similar to past years with tables both indoors and outdoors. The sale will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE IS COMING. It is September 28 through November 6. The "Lutheran Churches of Granite City" date is October 27. Will you be able to help us? It is as simple as standing or sitting for an hour in a chair on the sidewalk at the Granite City clinic to give a witness to the sanctity of life our God has created. It is a proven fact that the more people that there are on the sidewalk, the more lives saved. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board with time slots still needed to be filled for those willing and able to help.

WEBSITE REFINEMENT/IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE. Enhancements continue to be made to our website. Please go in and "check it out". Added now has been a new feature to click one button on the website and from there watch our church services live streamed.. For those less "tech savvy" this will make getting to our live streaming of services easier. This perhaps can be a major benefit to our shut-ins.

PLEASE KNOW that private communion is always available. Please contact Pastor and appropriate arrangements will be made for this.

PASTOR BACK IN PRISON MINISTRY: After some delays from the prison allowing volunteers in, the Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center has once again opened up. Beginning this coming Thursday, Pastor will once again be leading Bible Study for inmates from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. each Thursday.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Normally our message is based on one of our three assigned Scripture readings. Today will be different. Our message will be based on our assigned Psalm, a portion of which we will be chanting during our liturgy. This Psalm is a hymn of praise. It was one of six Psalms that were sung each year at the Passover meal. Many times songs/singing helps our work to go faster and easier. Today we will consider this as we think of songs of praise as we are workers in God's Kingdom. Our message for today is entitled, "Work and Song Go Together.