

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.

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

HYMNS 900 -525 -655 -543, 549, 531, 512 - 917

ORDER OF SERVICE Hymnal page 203 then proceed to the Kyrie, p. 204

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 25; ♪ tone C

To you, | O Lord,

I lift | up my soul.

Make me to know your ways, | O Lord,

teach me | your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation;

for you I wait all the | day long.

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your | steadfast love,

for they have been | from of old.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and | faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.

Reader – Jim Pennekamp. **Assisting** – Ken Halbe. **Crucifer** – Travis Pennekamp.

Altar Guild – Anna Hollenbeck and Janette Barry. **Organ** – Jackie Tieman.

Last wk – attnd, 53; offrg, \$1,434.

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: **HopeLutheranChurchGraniteCity,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. Arrangements can be made for private communion or a home visit by contacting Pastor.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Today at 2:00 p.m. Pastor will be leading the service at **Eden Retirement Village**. **Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study**, at 11:30 a.m. is **Social Ministry Committee Meeting**, and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting here at Hope. **Thursday** from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. is **Hope’s Adopted Day** for Forty Days For Life and from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Pastor will be in **Prison Ministry**. **Saturday** beginning at 12:00 p.m. is the **Three Church Picnic** at St. John. Pastor will continue posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope’s Facebook page**.

LOOKING AHEAD: October 11 is We’ve Been There Group. October 16 is BUNKO. (Note the date change from regular schedule for both these events.) October 15 is the Jericho Walk Midpoint Rally for Forty Days For Life at the Granite City Abortion Clinic. The Fall Festival is October 22.

THURSDAY IS OUR DAY ON THE SIDEWALK FOR FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE. We still have many openings to be filled. Needed is for folks to sit in a lawn chair or stand on the sidewalk at the Granite City Abortion Clinic as a witness to the sanctity of life God has created. It is a proven fact that the more people that there are on the sidewalk the more lives saved. Can you help us? Please sign-up on the sheet on the hallway bulletin board today.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING IS TUESDAY at 11:30 a.m. Ladies, please join in the fun and fellowship this group has with all the projects taken on in service to our Lord. Especially if you have not been involved with this for some time, stop by to check it out and see if it is something for you.

WE’VE BEEN THERE GROUP IS OCTOBER 11. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to go apple picking at Eckerts in Grafton. After that we will have lunch in Grafton then return home. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. Come join us. Always a fun outing even if you, yourself, do not pick apples. Eckerts also has a store onsite where various items (including apples) can be purchased.

THREE CHURCH PICNIC IS NEXT SATURDAY. This event has been in the planning for some time now; both for it to be successful and have fun and fellowship between the three churches. Good food, games, and prizes will be enjoyed. Accommodations have been made for all. Have you not yet signed up but want to go? See Diana Loehr, Reda Keller, or Pastor. Let’s have a good showing from Hope.

USE OF COMMON CUP AND PASTOR GREETING AT THE DOOR. After input from many of you, and discussion at the Voters’ Assembly last Tuesday, it was approved to once again begin both using the common cup and pastor greeting at the door. To get all this in place in an orderly manner it will begin on Reformation Day, Sunday, October 29th. Please understand, both of these are optional for each of you. The individual cup will still be offered ahead of the common cup at the altar; and use of either is proper and correct.

THEME FOR THE DAY: What do you want in a church? What is a church supposed to be and what should it look like? After answering these questions, then how do we get there? The Apostle Paul helps us out with all this as we continue again today his letter to the church at Philippi (and us). Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, “The Church We Are Called To Be.”

