

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.
19th Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 2023

HYMNS 912 – 644 – 892 – 637, 571, 430, 643 – 645

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 80; ♪ *tone C*

**Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!
Turn again, O | God of hosts!
Look down from | heaven, and see;
the stock that your right hand | planted,
and for the son whom you made strong | for yourself.
Then we shall not turn | back from you;
give us life, and we will call up- | on your name!
Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts!
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!**

Reader — Marlene Pennekamp. *Assisting* — Ken Halbe. *Crucifer* – Travis Pennekamp. *Altar Guild* — Sandy Jessee and Linda Widel. *Organ* — Jackie Tieman. *Last wk* – atnd, 47 offrg, \$2,918

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. Arrangements can be made for private communion or a home visit by contacting Pastor.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Today following the service is **Junior Confirmation**. Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study** and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics’ Anonymous**. Wednesday leaving from the church at 9:30 a.m. is **We’ve Been There Group** apple picking in Grafton. Thursday Pastor will be in **Sidewalk Ministry** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and in **Prison Ministry** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion on Hope’s Facebook page**.

LOOKING AHEAD: October 15 is the Jericho Walk Midpoint Rally at the Granite City Abortion Clinic. October 16 is BUNKO. October 22 is the Fall Festival.

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

JERICHO WALK IS OCTOBER 15 at 1:00 p.m. at the Granite City Abortion Clinic. This will serve as the Midpoint Rally for Forty Days For Life. Similar to last year, we will walk around the perimeter of the abortion clinic seven times involving Scripture, prayer, responsive reading and hymn sing. It is designed to be a participatory event as a witness to Jesus and the lives He has created and given to us. It will once again be led by Pastor. If you have physical limitations you are not required to walk, or choose those times you do want to walk (there is a brief pause at the end of each time around). “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.” Proverbs 31:8-9.

BUNKO IS OCTOBER 16. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. with the fun and fellowship of BUNKO to follow. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

IT’S TIME FOR OUR FALL FESTIVAL. It will be October 22 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The meal includes fish, BBQ pork steaks, cole slaw, baked beans, and potato salad. There also will be a silent auction. Let’s make this a time of fun and fellowship of being together. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

THANK YOU to all who participated and helped in whatever means with our recent Fall Sale. By every account you helped to make it a very successful event.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR. As we look ahead to the remainder of this year, there are many openings available. Cost is \$25 per Sunday with the flowers available to you following the service. Can you help us out? A sign-up sheet is in the library.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING IN GOD’S WORD. This has been talked about often before but it cannot be stressed enough. How vital and critical it is to be in God’s Word. Daily devotions (one source, Pastor’s livestream devotion each day), as well as our Bible studies offered. Sunday mornings we are beginning a detailed look at all the events of our Lord during Passion Week. Tuesday mornings we are beginning a look at miracles of the New Testament performed by others than Jesus. Let’s be together in the Word and grow in faith.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Life can be quite a grind. Day after day persecution, hardships and troubles. Certainly, the Apostle Paul could have looked at life that way. Yet at the end of our assigned Epistle reading for today Paul says he is “forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.” And that he, “presses on forward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” And are we not to do that also? Today we will consider how Paul did this and the encouragement he gives to us in a message entitled, “Pressing On Towards The Goal.”

