WELCOME - **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** - LCMS
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**"Sharing Hope In The Joy Of Christ"**

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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
20th Sunday after Pentecost October 15, 2023

**HYMNS 435 – 676 – 785 – 633, 709, 710, 818 – 733**

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

**RESPONSE: Sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 23**; ♫ *tone C*

**The Lord is my | shepherd;**
**I | shall not want.**
**He makes me lie down in green | pastures.**
**He leads my beside still | waters.**
**He re- | stores my soul.**
**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.**
**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;**
**you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.**
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,**
**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for- | ever.**

***Altar Flowers*** — Pam and Jim Smith — in celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary. ***Reader*** — Nichol Tieman. ***Assisting*** — Phil Lamm. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Anna Hollenbeck and Linda Widel. ***Organ*** – – Elizabeth Meschke. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 37; offrg, $2,047.

***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** and at 1:00 p.m. is the **Jericho Walk** at the **Granite City Abortion Facility. Monday** at 11:30 a.m. is **BUNKO**. **Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study** and at 7:00 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous**. **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. Saturday** will be **Men's Breakfast Fellowship** from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page**.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Next Sunday, October 22 is the Fall Festival. The Forty Days For Life campaign continues through November 5. Return date for Christmas boxes is November 12.

**BUNKO IS TOMORROW.** Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. It is not too late to join us. All are invited. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FALL FESTIVAL.** It will be from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The meal includes fish, BBQ pork steaks, coleslaw, baked beans, and potato salad. There also will be a silent auction. It's not too late to join us. Let's make this a time of fun and fellowship of being together. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

**JERICHO WALK IS TODAY** beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Granite City Abortion Facility. Seven trips will be made around the perimeter of the abortion facility (commensurate with the Biblical account of the battle at Jericho). During trips around Scripture will be read, prayers prayed, responsive reading held, and hymns sang. It is designed to be a witness to Jesus and the lives He has created and given to us. It will once again be led by Pastor. It is not necessary that you walk. You can also participate from the starting and ending point for each round. Please come join us today. *"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute."* Proverbs 31:8-9

**THANK YOU** to all who helped with and participated in the Three Church Picnic last week. A special thank you to Diana Loehr and Reda Keller for leading this for us.

**IT'S TIME FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.** We kicked this off last Sunday and it will continue through November 12. Your efforts here will provide Christmas gifts and a message to children who will otherwise have no gift this Christmas. Boxes are available in the narthex. Please follow closely the directions provided. (Many specific requirements exist for shipping overseas). If unable to shop, but still want to help out, monetary donations are also accepted to put towards this.

**THANK YOU** to all who were able to help with and support our adopted day last Thursday for Forty Days For Life. It was a good statement and witness to all of Christ and the sanctity of life He has created.

**BEING IN GOD'S WORD.** A wonderful opportunity exists each Sunday for Bible Study before worship, but not many are taking advantage of this. In trying to serve you better, the question is asked how can we meet your needs? Today you will find a bulletin insert, a survey you are asked to complete and return to the church office. Names can be put on the survey or submitted anonymously. Our intent is really to design class to meet you where you are in life. Thank you for your help with this.

**THEME FOR THE DAY:** Our message today will be based on our Epistle reading. In verse 12 Paul tells us, "I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need." It is ironic but Paul writes this from prison and he is going to give us a secret! In our Epistle reading he invites us to listen in. And in all the hardships Paul has faced, including being in prison, he is rejoicing, gentle, and content. We need Paul's secret too. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "I've Got A Secret."