WELCOME - **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
19th Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 2022

HYMNS 869 – 722 – 725 – 621, 580, 523, 680 – 919

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 121; ♫ *Tone B*

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.
From where does my | help come?
My help comes | from the Lord,
who made | heaven and earth.
The Lord is your | keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your | right hand.
The Lord will keep you from all | evil;
he will | keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your | coming in
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

Altar Flowers — Phil Lamm — celebrating Phil's birthday. ***Reader*** — Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Field Worker*** – Seminarian Sean Sheppard. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Charlie Finck and Janette Barry. ***Organ*** — Jackie Tieman. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 54; offrg, $3,360.

***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, serving others in God's love and praying for their evangelization.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Sundays – (children, teens, adults); 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.; Junior Confirmation following the Church Service; **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. Facebook is our main method of communicating but there are other ways also. We continue to keep our website current: **www.hopelutherangc.org** with manuscripts of our sermons and bulletins.

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

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

LOOKING AHEAD: The next Lunch and BUNKO will be October 24. Lutheran Church Day for 40 Days for Life is October 27. Fall Festival / Silent Auction will be October 30.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. Our Social Ministry Committee is again leading an effort to provide Christmas presents to needy children overseas. A bulletin insert is again provided today with instructions; and boxes are available in the narthex.

JOIN US WEDNESDAY FOR APPLE PICKING AND LUNCH. It is not too late to sign up. We will leave church at 9:30 a.m. for Eckert's in Grafton to pick apples. Lunch will be in Grafton and then return home. Lunch is as desired and cost is $2.50 for a field pass and $1.99 per pound for apples. A sign-up sheet, including indicating if you wish to pick apples, is on the hallway bulletin board.

LUNCH AND BUNKO is October 24. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

ONE WEEK CLOSER TO LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Many times remain available for the Lutheran Church Day of October 27 at the Granite City abortion clinic. Today a final plea is made for you to help. Here is a chance to stand (or sit in a chair) on the sidewalk at the clinic to witness to the life our dear Lord has given to us. A sign-up sheet remains on the hallway bulletin board. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

FALL FESTIVAL / SILENT AUCTION IS BACK! It will be October 30 with food served at 4:00 p.m. All food will be provided (pork steak, fish, potato salad, cole slaw and baked beans). Social Ministry will also be having a silent auction. If you have any items you wish to donate to the silent auction, please see any of the members of the Social Ministry Committee. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RESTARTING OUR VOCAL CHOIR? Preliminary plans have been made with Elizabeth Meschke to lead our choir. But now, we need to determine if there is enough interest to continue moving forward. Envisioned would be singing and practicing every other week. Practices would be for a short time right after the service on Sundays the choir sings. Please indicate your interest in this by signing up on the hallway bulletin board.

RESTART OF BELL CHOIR ALSO. Many of you have participated in Bell Choir in the past. Envisioned would be restarting it again and have it operating similar to the past. Practicing one night during the week and performing every other Sunday or so. It will be led by Jackie Tieman. Please indicate your interest in this by signing up on the hallway bulletin board. It is not necessary that you be able to read music.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Our Old Testament reading for today, which forms the basis for our meditation, is quite peculiar. Jacob actually wrestles all night long with God! As we think about this, we also have a number of wrestling matches with God for His blessings. In the end, Jacob hung on to God who was silent but blessed Jacob. Is that not how it can be for us also? God seems silent, but we hang on Him and when we do, we are blessed. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "Wrestling With God."