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.
21st Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2023

HYMNS 940 – 783 – 781 – 623, 850, 727, 636 – 851

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 96; ♫ *tone B*

Oh sing to the Lord a | new song;
sing to the Lord, | all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, | bless his name;
tell of his salvation from | day to day.
Declare his glory among the | nations,
his marvelous works among all the | peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly | to be praised;
he is to be feared a- | bove all gods.
Worship the Lord in the splendor of | holiness;
tremble before him, | all the earth!

Altar Flowers — Ken and Gary Halbe — in memory of parents, Norman and Jane Halbe. ***Reader*** — Janette Barry. ***Assisting*** — Phil Lamm. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Charlie Finck and Janette Barry. ***Organ*** — Barbara Rattelmuller. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 48 offrg, $1,475.

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 4:00 p.m. is our **Fall Festival. Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study,** at 11:30 a.m. is **Social Ministry Committee Meeting** and at 3:30 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.** Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page**.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Forty Days For Life campaign continues through November 5. Return date for Christmas boxes is November 12.

TODAY IS OUR FALL FESTIVAL. It will be 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. Good food, good fellowship, and a time of encouragement and support among us.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING THIS TUESDAY. Please note the date change for this. Much to discuss and this will also serve as the November meeting. Thank you ladies, for all the work this committee is doing.

ANOTHER WEEK FOR OUR SURVEY ABOUT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY. Last week a survey regarding Sunday morning Bible Study was provided as a bulletin insert. Thank you to those who responded to it. It is provided again this week to give more opportunity to respond. Our intent is to gather as much information as possible (your input) and design class to best meet your needs for where you are in life. Surveys can be completed and placed in the basket on the table by the church office door.

DID YOU NOTICE THE NEW BENCHES BY THE REAR CHURCH DOOR? A big thank you to Anna and Bob Hollenbeck for donating these to Hope in memory of Jerry and Darlene Lakin.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CONTINUES. Many have already responded. Your efforts will provide Christmas gifts and a message to children who will otherwise have nothing this Christmas. Boxes are still available in the narthex. If unable to shop, but still want to help out, monetary donations are also accepted to put towards this.

RETURN NEXT WEEK OF COMMON CUP AND GREETING AT THE DOOR. Beginning next week we will once again be offering both the common cup as an option at Holy Communion and Pastor will be greeting people at the center doors following service. Both of these practices are optional to you. It is good and proper for you to continue using individual cup at the altar as desired and if you are uncomfortable with the closeness of greeting one another, exiting church through the side doors is appropriate.

THANK YOU TO ALL who were able to support and join in the Jericho Walk last Sunday. Hope had good representation to witness to our Lord and the sanctity of life.

CHANGE IN TIME FOR ALCOHOLICS' ANONYMOUS MEETING. To keep you informed, as announced last week, the Alcoholics' Anonymous meeting each Tuesday has been moved from 7:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This accommodates them better and fits well with our church schedule. Alcoholics' Anonymous has done a great job of "cleaning up after themselves" and faithfully providing a stipend for use of the facilities.

LADIES – PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL RAFFLE TICKETS AND MONEY IS TURNED IN TODAY. The drawing will take place this afternoon during our Fall Festival and it is important that all who purchased tickets have a chance to win the beautiful child's quilt Sally Herbst has made and donated for this.

THEME FOR THE DAY: We will once again be using our Epistle reading as a basis for our meditation this morning. At this time we have moved on from the Book of Philippians (Paul's letter to Philippi) to the Book of First Thessalonians (Paul's letter to Thessalonica), In this opening of the letter, Paul speaks of hope. Hope is so important to us and that all people have hope. But Paul is not talking here about fleeting hope but hope in the Lord. Today we will take a look at this as well as how and what we hope for in a message entitled, "Christian Hope."