WELCOME - **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
Reformation Sunday (Observed) October 29, 2023

HYMNS 904 – 657 – 392 – 702, 744, 578, 556 – 506

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 46; ♫ *Tone C*

God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present help in | trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea.
The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;
he utters his voice, the | earth melts.
"Be still, and know that | I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth!"
The Lord of hosts is | with us;
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Altar Flowers — Nichol Tieman. ***Reader*** — Ken Halbe. ***Assisting –*** Ken Halbe. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Janette Barry. ***Organ*** — Barbara Rattmuller. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 50; offrg, $2,040.

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 − 8:30 − 9:15 a.m.; **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 will be **Junior Confirmation** and at 3:00 p.m. is a service of **Sacred Music for Reformation** at Concordia Seminary**. Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study,** 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 Closing Rally for Forty Days for Life will be November 5 at 6:00 p.m. Return date for Christmas boxes is November 12. November 13 is BUNKO. November 14 is Board of Elders meeting. November 15 is We've Been There Group (note revised from normal date).

OFFERING OF COMMON CUP AND GREETING AT THE DOOR RETURNS TODAY. Beginning today we will once again be offering both the common cup as an option at Holy Communion and Pastor will be greeting people after the service at the center doors. Please remember that use of either of these practices is optional to you depending on your comfort level as appropriate.

FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOU. A big thank you to each of you who helped to make our Fall Festival and Silent Auction last Sunday a huge success. In addition to great food and fellowship, $494 was collected by our Social Ministry Committee from the silent auction to defray costs to upcoming projects. Also, Pastor and Sandy wish to express a big thank you for the cards, well wishes, and gifts extended to them not only last Sunday but throughout the entire month. There are many "good things" going on at Hope. What a joy and privilege to all be together and a part of it.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COMING TO A CLOSE. To meet deadlines for shipping Christmas presents to needy children overseas, only two weeks remain for this project. As of the preparing of this bulletin, only two boxes remain to be taken. Monetary donations are also welcomed to both defray costs to purchase items and for the shipping of the boxes. Thank you to all who are able to help with this providing of a Christmas message and present to a child who otherwise would never receive them.

REFORMATION SERVICE TODAY. All LCMS churches have been invited to a service of sacred music for reformation in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus at 3:00 p.m. today at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. This looks to be a very meaningful service with Rev. Todd Wilken from "Issues Etc." serving as the preacher.

CLOSING CEREMONY FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE will be next Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at the Granite City Abortion Facility. It will be a meaningful close-out to this current campaign with a candle light vigil service. Please make plans to join us.

TIME CHANGE NEXT SATURDAY Please don't forget that next Saturday night (November 4) daylight savings time ends and we will need to turn our clocks back one hour.

NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE ALL SAINTS DAY when we will remember our faithful members who have been called home and departed in the last year.

OUR NEXT WE'VE BEEN THERE GROUP OUTING will be November 15**.** We will leave from the church at 9:00 a.m. to visit the Arch Museum. There is no cost for this but there are costs if you want to do additional things while there. After that we will go to the Old Spaghetti Factory in Laclede's Landing (your own cost) and then return to church. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Today we observe Reformation Day. A special day in the church where we rejoice and rededicate ourselves to "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone." Our sermon today will be based on Psalm 46 which the hymn "A Might Fortress Is Our God" is based on. In particular Verse 7 which reads, "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress". Today we will consider all this in a message entitled "The God of Jacob, and Luther, and You and Me."