WELCOME - **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** - LCMS
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Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
23rd Sunday after Pentecost November 12, 2023

HYMNS 717 – 516 – 644 – 621, 763, 801, 348 – 965

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RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 70; ♫ *tone C*

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!
O Lord, make haste to | help me!
Let them be put to shame and confusion who | seek my life!
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor
who de- | sire my hurt!
May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you!
May those who love your salvation say evermore, | "God is great!"
But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, | O God!
You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do | not delay!

Altar Flowers — Pastor and Sandy Beuster — In honor of our Veterans. ***Reader*** — Jim Pennekamp. ***Assisting*** — Phil Lamm. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Sandy Jessee and Linda Widel. ***Organ*** — Barbara Rattelmuller. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 52; offrg, $4,608.

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. 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: Monday at 11:30 a.m. is **BUNKO. Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study,** at 11:30 is **Social Ministry Committee Meeting,** at 3:30 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous** and at 7:00 p.m. is **Board of Elders. Wednesday** leaving from the church at 9:00 a.m. is **We've Been There Group** and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pastor will be in **Prison Ministry. Thursday** from 10:00 a.m. to noon Pastor will be in **Sidewalk Ministry**. **Saturday** from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. is **Men's Breakfast Fellowship**. Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page.**

LOOKING AHEAD: Our Thanksgiving Eve Service is November 22. November 28 is Voters' Assembly. Advent begins December 6.

THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS. On this Veterans Day weekend we want to stop and acknowledge and give thanks to all those who have served our country. We appreciate the dedication and sacrifices you made.

RETURN DATE FOR CHRISTMAS BOXES IS TODAY. To meet deadlines for shipping Christmas presents to needy children overseas, a friendly reminder is given that Christmas boxes are needed back today. Many of you have already responded. Thank you to all who were able to help with this project of providing of a Christmas message and present to a child who would otherwise would never receive them.

LUNCH AND BUNKO IS TOMORROW beginning at 11:30 a.m. Always good food, fun, and fellowship. It is not too late to join us. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY at 11:30 a.m. Many projects, much to be discussed. Ladies, please plan to join them for what is always fun, fellowship, and great service to our Lord.

OUR NEXT WE'VE BEEN THERE GROUP OUTING IS THIS WEDNESDAY. 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. It is not too late to join us. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

HELP IS AVAILABLE AS NEEDED. Please don't forget our Care Committee is now again functioning to help you with both one time and reoccurring needs. Please contact Wanda Wuehler, (618-920-1929), Sandy Townzen (618-304-8692), or Pastor as needs arise.

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL It is that time of year! If you wish to have a subscription to the Lutheran Witness for the coming year, please see Debbie Lamm prior to November 19. Cost is $26.50 which is at a reduced price in going through the Church/ District. Also, by purchasing it this way you will also receive the Southern Illinois District insert each month.

PLANS FOR ADVENT: We will once again have an 11:00 a.m. service here each Wednesday at Hope and then be sharing a 7:00 p.m. service with the other two Granite City Lutheran Churches. The theme for the 11:00 a.m. services is "The Clothing of the King", and the theme for the 7:00 p.m. services is "The Coming Of Jesus – As Time Goes By."

ST. JOHN CRAFT/TREASURE AUCTION. November 19 at 2:00 p.m. Many items to be auctioned. There will also be "silent auction" tables set up. Tickets for a quilt will be offered for purchase. Drawing for the quilt will be at a later date. Admission: canned goods. Always a fun time.

THEME FOR THE DAY: We are in the "third-to-the-last" Sunday of the church year and the end of that long season of Pentecost. These last few Sundays of the church year are always related to end times. And Jesus in our Gospel reading today gives us "The Parable of the Ten Virgins;" and encouragement and being ready for His second coming. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "Be Ready, He Is Really Coming."