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.
24th Sunday after Pentecost November 19, 2023

HYMNS 663 – 783 – 781 – 618, 617, 730, 672 – 660

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RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 90; ♫ *tone B*

Lord, you have been our | dwelling place
in all gener- | ations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed
the earth | and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.
So teach us to number | our days
that we may get a heart of | wisdom
Let your work be shown to your | servants,
and your glorious power to their | children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work
of our hands up- | on us;
yes, establish the work | of our hands!

Altar Flowers — Thelma Randall and June Oberdieck — In memory of their parents and siblings. ***Reader*** — Marlene Pennekamp. ***Assisting*** — Ken Halbe. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** — Charlie Finck and Janette Barry. ***Organ*** — Jackie Tieman. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 46 offrg, $2,225.

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. Tuesday** at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study** and at 3:30 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous**. **Wednesday** at 7:00 p.m. is our **Thanksgiving Eve Service.** Pastor will be posting a **daily devotion** on Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday this week on **Hope's Facebook page**.

LOOKING AHEAD: November 28 is both Social Ministry Committee Meeting and Voters' Assembly. Christmas decorating of the church (inside and out) will be December 2. Advent begins December 3. Social Ministry Committee Christmas Party is December 5 (all ladies of Hope invited). Hope's Christmas Dinner will be December 17.

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART. Please join us this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for our Thanksgiving Service. It is good and proper that we stop and give thanksgiving and praise to our Lord.

COLLECTION OF MONEY AND FOOD ITEMS for those within our congregation who may have special needs this holiday season will begin at our Thanksgiving Eve Service this week.

INTEREST IN BELL CHOIR. As the holidays approach, we are once again looking to start up our Bell Choir. It is not necessary that you be able to read music to be a part of the fun this group has and their enhancement to our worship services. If interested in being in bell choir, a sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. Questions regarding this, please see Jackie or Nichol Tieman.

PLANS FOR ADVENT: Mid-week Advent Services begin December 6. 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."

CONTAINERS ARE NOW OUT for our annual collection of items for the less fortunate in our community. New hats, mittens, and gloves can be donated for all ages in the "Mitten Box." New toys for children of all ages can be placed in the large Toy Box. And new and gently used winter coats for all ages can be hung on the coat hangers near the mitten box and Toy Box. All of these items are near the rear church doors.

READY AND WILLING. Please know that help is available as needed for either one time or reoccurring needs from our Care Committee. Please contact Wanda Wuehler, (618-920-1929), Sandy Townzen (618-304-8692), or Pastor as needs arise.

FINAL RESULTS FOR FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE. For this campaign, September 27 – November 5, there were 1,846 hours of prayers on the sidewalk at the Granite City Abortion Clinic (all 40 days, 12 hours per day, were covered in prayerful and peaceful manner). This is the second most hours prayed in a campaign. Five lives were saved and many other hopefuls. In addition, fruits of the 40 days continued to over flow. Early the week of November 5 (after the campaign) two additional lives were saved. In total, since the inception of 40 Days for Life in Granite City, there have been 9 campaigns with 97 lives saved and 14,500 hours prayed. Thank you to all who helped support this.

THEME FOR THE DAY: On this second to the last Sunday of the Church Year we again look at end times and Judgment Day. Today we do this in the Parable of the Talents that Jesus teaches us with in our Gospel reading. A first, quick, misunderstanding look at this parable might leave one thinking that we must earn salvation and I hope I've done enough. But, of course, that is not at all the case. As with all the parables, we must look at Jesus as the central figure and what He has done for us; and then respond accordingly to Him. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "Your Response Is As How You See God."