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.
26th Sunday after Pentecost November 26, 2023

HYMNS 905 – 837 – 710 – 845, 709, 711, 680 – 525

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

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 156 Psalm 95; ♫ *tone B*

Oh come, let us sing | to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!
Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!
For the Lord is a | great God,
and a great King a- | bove all gods.
Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our | Maker!
For he | is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

Altar Flowers – Georgia and Kenton Smith – To all of our loved ones. ***Reader*** – Nichol Tieman. ***Assisting*** – Phil Lamm. ***Crucifer*** – Travis Pennekamp. ***Altar Guild*** – Janette Barry. ***Acolyte*** – Sebastian Dauble. ***Organ*** – Barbara Rattelmuller. ***Last wk*** – attnd, 53 offrg, $2,240.

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: Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study,** at 11:30 a.m. is **Social Ministry Committee Meeting,** at 3:30 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous** and at 7:00 p.m. is **Voters' Assembly**. **Wednesday** Pastor will be in **Prison Ministry** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. **Thursday** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Pastor will be in **Sidewalk Ministry. Saturday** beginning at 9:00 a.m. will be **Christmas Decorating of the Church** (inside and out). Pastor will be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page.**

LOOKING AHEAD: Advent begins next Sunday, December 3. Social Ministry Committee Christmas Party is December 5. BUNKO is December 11. Hope's Christmas Dinner will be December 17. December 18 will be We've Been There Group Christmas Party.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH NEXT SATURDAY. Christmas music playing in the background, good fellowship and fun – join us next Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m. as we put up the church Christmas decorations both inside and outside. Everyone is welcome.

SPECIAL ADVENT/CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP: Midweek Advent Services will be: December 6, December 13, and December 20. Each week we will have an 11:00 a.m. service here at Hope and then be sharing a 7:00 p.m. service with the other two Granite City Lutheran Churches. The order for the shared services will be St. John, Concordia and Hope. As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will have three services that day. We will have our regular 9:30 a.m. worship service and then Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. Our Christmas Day Service will be at 9:30 a.m.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ADVENT: Need a suggestion for Advent devotions? The devotions Pastor will be posting throughout Advent will follow the theme for our 11:00 a.m. Advent services, "The Clothing of The King." Also, a one-page listing of Bible passages is available on the table near the rear church doors with the verse(s) each day following the theme for Pastor's devotion. This is intended to be one of the excellent sources to use to prepare us for the coming of our King. Please join us.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING. Collection points have now been designated for our annual collection of items for the less fortunate. Such things as new hats and mittens, new toys, new and gently used coats; and also in the narthex a collection table for food items and monetary donations for the Christmas baskets for those members of Hope who could use a little help at Christmas.

SOCIAL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY is December 5 at Bella Milano's. Carpooling from the church at 11:45 a.m. for a 12:00 p.m. reservation. Ordering and paying for lunch will be on an individual basis. All ladies of Hope are invited to this. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

OUR HOPE CHRISTMAS DINNER will be December 17 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to provide a covered dish for sharing and turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes/gravy will be supplied (as of this writing of this bulletin 3 turkey bakers and 4 desserts are still needed). A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. Please make plans to join us. Good food, fellowship, and maybe even some singing of Christmas songs.

INTEREST IN BELL CHOIR. We are hoping to get our Bell Choir going again, especially with the holiday music. It is not necessary that you be able to read music to be a part of this. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. Questions - see Jackie or Nichol Tieman.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: Please plan to join us this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. to learn about and be involved in decisions made in your church. If not already a voting member, being a member of Hope and a knowledge adherence to our constitution, you can become one at the meeting. Even if not a voting member, you can provide your input to decisions that are made.

NEED HELP WITH THE HOLIDAYS? The holidays should be a joyous time; but, unfortunately they can be stressful. Please know that help is available as needed for either one time or recurring needs from our Care Committee; perhaps help getting to church, shopping, home decorating, or just someone to talk to. Please contact Wanda Wuehler, (618-920-1929), Sandy Townzen (618-304-8692), or Pastor as needs arise.

THEME FOR THE DAY: Today is the last Sunday of the Church year and designated Christ the King Sunday. Having looked the last few weeks at being ready and who Christ is, today we are encouraged to rejoice. How can we rejoice? Because of who Christ is and what He has done. Today we will consider all this in a message entitled, "Rejoice In Your King."