

# Hope Lutheran Church

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**CORE PURPOSE STATEMENT: *People of Hope: working together, with God, to love and serve others...***

**November 19, 2017 Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ’s coming among us.

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Jami Possinger	ext. #12
Assistant Pastor	Rev. Brian Rajcok	ext. #13
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Clark W. Kuntz II	
Administrative Manager	Jennifer Sommers	ext. #10
Director of Music	David Ziegler	ext. #11
Treasurer	Trudy Mertz	
Sexton	Bonnie Zmyewski	
Financial Secretary	Deb Gardner	
Communications Specialist	Nina Weiss	ext. #20

## SERVICE

### PARTICIPANTS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM

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Acolyte	Madison Miller	Felicia Paly
Crucifer	Thomas Spohn	Daedra VanLuvanee
Greeter	Dolores Reenok	Lee & Georgene Blose
Lector	Chris Steigerwalt	Karen Koplin
Nursery	Brance & Kim Shoenberger	Grace & Linda Heffentrayer
Ushers	Livermon Team	Benniger Team
Communion Assistants	Brian Schell Vicki Steiner John Zmyewski	
AV Assistant	Reece Anderson	Open
Nov. Altar Guild	Team 1: Mertz & Romano	
Percussionist	Joe Neupauer	

# Holy Communion

8:00 AM

## Setting 3

**Gathering** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

- Prelude
- Announcements
- \* Confession and Forgiveness p 94
- \* **Gathering Song “Lord of Glory, You Have...” # 707**
- \* Greeting/Kyrie p 138
- \* Canticle of Praise *“This is the Feast...”* p 140
- \* Prayer of the Day

**Word** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

- First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
- Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- \* **Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia...”** p 188
- \* Gospel Reading Matthew 25: 14-30
- Sermon
- \* **Hymn of the Day “As Saints of Old...” # 695**
- \* Apostles’ Creed p 105
- \* Prayers of Intercession
- Leader:** Lord, in your mercy. **Cong.** Hear our prayer.
- \* Peace

**Meal** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

- Offering *“He Will Quiet You With His Love”* Senior Choir
- \* **Offertory Response “Create in Me a Clean Heart” # 186**
- \* Great Thanksgiving p 144
- \* Holy, Holy, Holy p 144
- \* The Lord’s Prayer p 145
- Lamb of God p 146
- (Gluten-free wafers in the chalice in front of the baptismal font)*
- Communion *(intinction)*
- \* **Post Communion Canticle “Thankful Hearts and...” # 204**
- \* Prayer

**Sending** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

- \* Blessing
- \* **Sending Song “Go My Children With My Blessing” # 543**
- \* Dismissal
- \* Postlude

*\*please stand if you are able*

# Service of the Word

10:30 AM

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we hear and proclaim the saving word of God for the entire world. We give thanks for that saving word and all the gifts of God, who then sends us to share the good news and to care for those in need.

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- Cherub Choir
- Announcements
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- \* Greeting/Kyrie p 213
- \* Canticle of Praise *“Glory to God...”* p 213
- \* Prayer of the Day

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- Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- \* **Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia...”** p 216
- \* Gospel Reading Matthew 25: 14-30
- Children’s Message
- Sermon
- \* **Hymn of the Day “As Saints of Old...” # 695**
- \* Apostles’ Creed p 217
- \* Prayers of Intercession
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- \* Peace

**Thanksgiving** *We give thanks for the saving word*

- Offering *“He Will Quiet You With His Love”* Senior Choir
- Offertory
- \* Canticle of Thanksgiving p 219
- \* Thanksgiving for the Word p 220
- \* The Lord’s Prayer p 221

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**Veteran's Day Celebration**  
**November 19, 2017**

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**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** † In Honor of our Wedding Anniversary, Matt & Pat Held; † In Memory of my brother, Ryan's, 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday, with Love Meredith & Dave

**BULLETINS:** † In Celebration of Holly's Birthday, Love Jane & Ed; † In Celebration of Gary Stephen's Birthday, with Love Susan

**THE PRESS:** † In Memory of loved ones.

**IN PRAYER TODAY** – Holy Trinity, Northampton

**POST-CONFIRMATION** – All high school students are invited to a new post-confirmation program! We will meet the first and third Sundays of every month, have discussions, and do various activities. The group will pretty much be whatever you want to make it, so come to a meeting and let's get the year off to a good start!

**STATISTICS** – Last Sunday's attendance; 8:00am service – 126 / 10:30 am service 101; **Total offering - \$6270.18;** (includes **\$435.00** for the building fund and **\$89.00** for Sunday School).

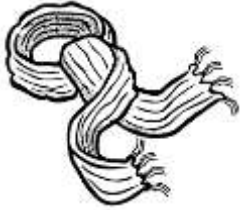
**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICES:** Please join us for service on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm for Thanksgiving Eve worship service.

**COMMITMENT CARDS:** If you have not already done so, kindly return your commitment card to the church as soon as possible. Please place them in the box located in the Narthex. Extra cards will be available on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Our warmest congratulations to Brittany (Grube) Ondich and David G. Ondich, who were married here at Hope Church on Saturday!

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK** – The Congregational Council is encouraging all our members to grow in their spirituality through a regular Prayer Life. One way of doing this is by lifting up in prayer one family from our church each day of the year. This week’s families are:

- 11/19/17 David, Audrey, Andrea, Sarah Fritz and family
- 11/20/17 Scott, Janelle, Tucker Ellis and family
- 11/21/17 David, Janet Filchner and family
- 11/22/17 Jason, Tara, Karissa, Jevin Fritz and family
- 11/23/17 Connie Eppinger and family
- 11/24/17 Melissa Chloe Fischl and family
- 11/25/17 Jean Fritzingler and family



**PRAYER SCARVES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS** - Attention all parents of college students... Hope’s Prayer Shawl Ministry is currently knitting and crocheting scarves for all of our college students. It’s a surprise! We plan to ship them out when the weather gets cold – letting our students know that we continue to pray for them as they

study. Here’s how you can help...please call 610-767-7203 or email the church office [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) and give us your child’s address. We will be sending to all students in college, trade or technical schools and community colleges. If your child is living at home and commuting we need to know that as well. Please let us know as soon as possible so we make enough for everyone!

**ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING**

In this season of thanksgiving and gift giving, we hope you will also consider an additional gift to your church. It is through the contributions of every member that we are able to fulfill our mission. You can use our electronic giving option for both regular offerings and one-time gifts. Help us achieve a more consistent level of funding by setting up a recurring giving plan. Please remember that envelope packs include a special envelope for Christmas. Visit the church website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the Online Giving Page.



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## **EVANGELISM NEWS**

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES** – Every Thursday at 6:30pm. This is a small group, studies are informal with excellent discussions. We are growing and learning God's word together. Everyone is invited to participate in any or all of these events. We would love to have you join us! For further information, please call Sharyn Kratzer at 610-262-1277.

### **Youth Group News & Happenings:**

Hi Everyone!

Here's a list of what's going on in Youth Group for the months of November and December. **POW Save the Dates:** Wed. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 8:00 pm

**Save The Dates:** Sun. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 3:30 pm – Light lunch & Christmas Caroling to Hope's STAR members; Fri. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm – Big Church Night Out Concert.

*\*\*\* Check your Email & The News Board for more info\*\*\**

Blessings to you all in the coming months!

Pastor Brian

**LIHEAP ASSISTANCE:** If you need help paying your heating bills, or have a heating emergency, LIHEAP may be able to help you. If you would like a brochure for more information, they are located on the table in the Narthex.

**HOPE'S HELPING HANDS:** Thank you to all who participated in the HHH Zook's Meat Pies and Apple Dumplings sale! Please mark your calendar as delivery will be Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am – 12 noon.

**INGATHERING** – Our collection of items for our yearly Ingathering has begun. These items will be given to local organizations such as the Allentown Rescue Mission, Sayre Child Center, Gracedale, and Kidspace. Your **NEW** unwrapped gifts will need to be brought to the Narthex by Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Also, the mitten tree is up and ready for your donations of knit or store bought hats, scarves, mittens and gloves which may be placed right on the tree.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** We are hosting a Miller Blood Drive on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. You will be able to sign-up after worship services on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. You can also sign-up online!

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – Put names with faces and be a part of our new church family directory. We are partnering with Lifetouch to tell our story. These very convenient photographs will be taken at the church. The directory will not be complete without you!

Portrait dates are as follows:

Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>:

- 2 pm – 9 pm
- Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>: 10 am – 5 pm
- Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>: 2 pm – 9 pm
- Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>: 10 am – 5 pm

**Appointments:** Make an appointment after worship services: 11/19; 11/26; 12/3; 12/10 & 12/17

**HOLIDAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANT SCHEDULES:** Please note all schedules for Advent Evening Worship Services as well as Christmas Eve Services have been sent out. All Ushers, Greeters & Communion Assistants, please remember to utilize the Sign-Up Genius to select a time to assist with Christmas Eve Services. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer in the Church Office at 610-767-7203 or email: [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org). Thank you all for your continued sharing of your time and talents!

**GIVING:** Please catch up with your 2017 commitment or intended giving by the end of December or give an extra gift before the end of the year. Let's keep Hope's ministries strong! All 2017 offerings must be received or postmarked on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 to receive credit for this year. Any offerings received on or after January 1, 2018 MUST be credited as 2018 contributions.

**POINSETTIAS FOR SALE:** Our annual sale starts today, November 19, 2017 and will run through December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If you would like to order poinsettias, please take a pre-printed envelope from the Narthex and complete the outside of the envelope and place in the offering plate, offering box on the wall or return to the office with payment. Please remember all ordered Poinsettias must remain in the Sanctuary until after the final Christmas Eve Service at 11:00 pm. Poinsettias may thereafter be picked up from the church office.





### **AUDIO/VISUAL (AV) WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED:**

We are in need of volunteers to join the AV Team of Hope Lutheran Church! Training will be provide to all new comers. Should have a basic understanding of Windows 10 System. Please contact Pastor Jerry Mraz at 610-442-8156.



**ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY:** The Christmas Holiday and the annual Nativity Display are swiftly approaching! We would love to continue with this ministry and community event; however, it takes many hours of preparation and lots of volunteers to bring this event to life each year. This is our 18<sup>th</sup> year and we would love to have it be just as successful as the first! We are seeking volunteers

(both adult and youth: confirmands, scouts, etc.) to help with this event. We welcome Musicians as well with their talents of joy & cheer for the holiday season! This event is a labor of love that is greatly enjoyed for our visitors. Anything you are able to contribute to this event, volunteer hours, nativities, etc. will be greatly appreciated. This year's display will be held Sat., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 6 pm and Sun., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 8 am -3 pm. We will need volunteers on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> for set-up and then on the display dates. If you are able to lend a hand, please sign-up on the sheets located in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sharyn Kratzer at 610-261-1277. Your time and assistance with this ministry is greatly appreciated!!!

**AARP SAFE DRIVER'S COURSE:** The Senior Center will once again be offering the AARP Safe Driver's Course the week of December 12<sup>th</sup> thru December 14<sup>th</sup>. This course is for those who never took the course before. The cost is \$15.00 for AARP Members & \$20.00 Non-AARP Members. Please contact Karen at 610-767-2977 for more information and details!

**CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS:** Are available for Christmas Eve. If you would like to help defray the costs of the beeswax candles and the red frill tissue paper, you can do so by sponsoring candles in memory of or in honor of someone. You can donate any amount you wish (no donation too small). Please contact Jennifer in the church office a 610-767-7203.

## ANNUAL MEETING BALLOT RESULTS

Congratulations to our elected Council Members:

- ✝ Lee Creyer
- ✝ Trish Ninos
- ✝ Manfred Steiner
- ✝ Susan Stephens

Congratulations to our elected Nominating Members:

- ✝ Michelle Costanzo
- ✝ Tim Lockard
- ✝ Linda Mery
- ✝ Stephanie Patterson
- ✝ Bob Small
- ✝ AJ Szwast

**JESSE TREE FOR ADVENT** - Each day during Advent a volunteer places a symbol on the Jesse Tree in the narthex. The symbol represents one of the Bible Stories, which leads to the birth of Jesus. A scripture and prayer are included on the back of each symbol for a brief devotion before placing the symbol on the macramé tree. Watch for the Jesse tree and the sign-up sheet to be posted in the narthex.

**MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP AT HOPE:** As we countdown to Christmas 2017, it is always helpful to carve out some time from our busy schedule to focus on the coming of our Lord at Christmas. This year we will be holding four mid-week Advent services each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary commencing on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year is *"The Redemption of Scrooge."* Based on Charles Dicken's *"A Christmas Carol."* We will explore the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Crachits, with an eye to the Christian Faith. Along the way we will meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come and learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. We hope to see you there!





## INGATHERING WISH LIST

### SAYRE CHILD CENTER (children's items only)

**NO STUFFED ANIMALS.** Bibs; toddler size forks and spoons; single fruit or vegetable foods - stage 2; Infant cereal - rice or oatmeal; wash cloths for classroom use; kitchen cloths and dish rags; art & craft supplies; tissues; sidewalk chalk and bubbles; playground balls; books - all ages up to age 10; puzzles - 25-100 pieces; computer software for ages 4-10; diapers and wipes; batteries - AA, C, D; colored pencils, plain paper for drawing, glue sticks, board books and washable books, computer software (ages 4-10); puzzles (25 & 50 piece), construction paper, watercolors, finger paint, stickers, Playdoh, tissues, waterproof markers, and crayons.

### GRACEDALE

**Male:** Socks, Search-A-Word Books, Small Combs, Talcum, Handkerchiefs, After Shave Lotion, Pens/Pencils, Writing Paper, Change Purses, Stamps, Playing Cards, Small Tablets

**Female:** Perfume, Panty Hose, Socks, Baby Powder, Small change purse, Jewelry, Scarves, Hair Brushes, Handkerchiefs, Knee Highs.

**Male:** Knee/ankle socks, medium weight rain ponchos, medium eight elastic pants, diabetic socks, sweatshirts, sweaters, T-shirts (all clothing Med-XL)

**Female:** cardigan sweaters, flannel pjs, cotton nighties, nonskid booties (size 6 and up), nail polish and remover, costume jewelry (no pins); barrettes, headbands, fashion hats, fitted twin bed spreads (all clothing Med-XL)

**For All:** Posters, adult (mosaic) and child coloring books, puzzles (25 pieces or less), toiletries and toiletry bags, regular and jumbo crayons, balls, wooden toddler puzzles, body/hand lotion, mild scented cologne/body sprays, washable markers, Crayola model magic, playdough, greeting cards, soft baby dolls or any kind of soft toys, porcupine style Legos, nature books (grade school level), deodorant, removal wall decals, window decals, anything to stimulate the senses, for example: musical things or music boxes, textured books, framed moving sand art/water.

### ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

Men's Items Only – Sweatshirts, T-Shirts (colors and white), underwear and socks, jeans or khaki's (new or gently used, 32-34 waist, 30-34 length), deodorant, winter hats (beanies) and gloves of all sizes, belts, casual wear, jelly, cereal, travel size toiletries, razors (2-3 per pack); personal size shaving cream and Q-tips.

### KIDSPACE

Crayons, markers, coloring books, sketch pads, clay, paints, brushes, pajamas, socks, underwear, scarves, hats, mittens, red sweatshirts and pants (L, XL, XXL), shower gels, shampoo, deodorant, flavored lip balm, scented lotions, gift cards (all kinds – book stores, tunes, movie theaters, Target, K-Mart, etc.), personal diaries (no wire bound).

### TRUTH FOR WOMEN

BBQ sauce, brown sugar, cereal, coffee, crackers, dishwasher detergent, flour, grape jelly, ketchup, mayo, mustard, pasta, pretzels, sauce, sugar, toilet paper



# Happy Thanksgiving

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## **REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS** **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Participants**

<b>Acolyte</b>	Ava Smith
<b>Crucifer</b>	Ethan Rehrig
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	John Bednar Vicki Steiner Linda Mery
<b>Greeter</b>	Larry Creyer
<b>Lector</b>	Allison Lockard
<b>Ushers</b>	Leibength Team
<b>AV Assistant</b>	Larry Creyer

## **REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Sunday, November 26th, 2017</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Antonia Franco	Holly Fasching
<b>Crucifer</b>	Reece Anderson	Aiden Carrion
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Kim Belletti Sharyn Kratzer Linda Mery
<b>Greeter</b>	Betty Rock	Marge Zimmermann
<b>Lector</b>	Jennifer Ventura	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Sarah & Cathy Bird	Bianca & Stephanie Carrion
<b>Ushers</b>	Mohrey Team	Daniel Team
<b>AV Assistants</b>	Reece Anderson	Sam Koplin
<b>November Altar Guild</b>	Team 1: Mertz & Romano	
<b>Nov. Sign Changers</b>	Chip Hunsicker	

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK:

For complete rehearsal schedules, see the online calendar at  
[calendar.hopecherryville.org](http://calendar.hopecherryville.org)

<b>Today</b>	Sunday School Slatington Baptist Visit (Van Needed) National Youth Gathering Meeting- Kuntz Hall Sunday School Teacher Meeting National Youth Gathering Leader Meeting	9:15 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 11:45 am 1:30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	Friendship Dance-Kuntz Hall	7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	WELCA Meeting Newsletter Collation Centering Prayer	9:00 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Nativity Set-Up – Kuntz Hall Staff Meeting Thanksgiving Eve Services	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><i>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!</i></b> Office Closed	
<b>Friday</b>	Office Closed Nativity Set-Up – Kuntz Hall (Drop-off Nativities 1 pm – 5 pm)	9:00 am
<b>Saturday</b>	 Nativity Display – Kuntz Hall	10:00 am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Nativity Display Sunday School	8:00 am 9:15 am

