

# Hope Lutheran Church

4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville, PA 18035-1030  
(610) 767-7203

[hopecherryville.org](http://hopecherryville.org)

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

November 26, 2017

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

## 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
Acolyte	Antonio Franco	Holly Fasching
Crucifer	Reece Anderson	Aiden Carrion
Greeter	Betty Rock	Marge Zimmermann
Lector	Jennifer Ventura	Bob Small
Nursery	Sarah & Cathy Bird	Bianca & Stephanie Carrion
Ushers	Mohrey Team	Daniel Team
Communion Assistants		Kim Belletti Sharyn Kratzer Linda Mery
AV Assistant	Reece Anderson	Sam Koplin
Nov. Altar Guild	Team 1: Mertz & Romano	
Percussionist	Joe Neupauer	

# Service of the Word

8:00 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.

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

Prelude

Announcements

\* Confession and Forgiveness p 94

\* **Gathering Song "Crown Him With Many Crowns" # 855**

\* Greeting/Kyrie p 213

\* Canticle of Praise "Glory to God..." p 213

\* Prayer of the Day

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

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

\* **Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia..."** p 216

\* Gospel Reading Matthew 25: 31-46

Children's Message

Sermon

\* **Hymn of the Day "O Christ What Can It Mean..." # 431**

\* Apostles' Creed p 217

\* Prayers of Intercession

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy. **Cong.** Hear our prayer.

\* Peace

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

Offering "Down To The River to Pray" *Senior Choir*

Offertory

\* Canticle of Thanksgiving p 219

\* Thanksgiving for the Word p 220

\* The Lord's Prayer p 221

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

\* Blessing

\* **Sending Song "Jesus Shall Reign" # 434**

\* Dismissal

\* Postlude

*\*please stand if you are able*

# Holy Communion

10:30 AM

## Setting 3

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

Prelude

Announcements

\* Confession and Forgiveness p 94

\* **Gathering Song "Crown Him With Many Crowns" # 855**

\* 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 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

\* **Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia..."** p 188

\* Gospel Reading Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon

\* **Hymn of the Day "O Christ What Can It Mean..." # 431**

\* 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 "Down To The River To Pray" *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)

Anthem "The Wise and Foolish Builders" . . . . . *Junior Choir*

\* **Post Communion Canticle "Thankful Hearts and..." # 204**

\* Prayer

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

\* Blessing

\* **Sending Song "**

\* Dismissal "Jesus Shall Reign" **# 434**

\* Postlude

*\*please stand if you are able*

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville, PA 18035**  
**610-767-7203 | hopecherryville.org**  
**Veteran's Day Celebration**  
**November 26, 2017**

**CORE PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

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

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** ☩ Happy 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Greatest Great Grandparents anyone could ask for, GiGi and Pop-Pop Reenock, Love Bethany and Micah ☩ In Memory of George "Bud" Larkin, 4 years ago you left a hole in our hearts, Love Wife Clair, Son Josh and Grandchildren Alex, Lucas and Ivy.

**BULLETINS:** ☩ In Celebration of Steven Tretiak's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Love his Family.

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

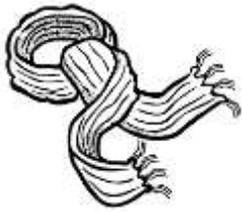
**IN PRAYER TODAY** – Holy Trinity Slovak, Northampton, The Rev. Bruce D. MacLaughlin, Interim.

**STATISTICS** – Last Sunday's attendance; 8:00am service – 100/ 10:30 am service **117**; **Total offering - \$9522.05**; (includes **\$305.00** for the building fund and **\$216.50** for Sunday School).

**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.

**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:

11/20/17	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 Fritzing 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.



**Simply scan this code with your device.**

*\*you may need to download a free QR reader app first!*

**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. Also, if any groups have food in the freezer that can be removed prior to Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, it would be greatly appreciated so that Hope's Helping Hands has room for the Meat Pies and Apple Dumpling Orders.

**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!

**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. Please see lists in the narthex.

**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:

Wednesday, December 27<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; or visit our online link at: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y7jptvg/>

**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. Please use the link below to access the sign-up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054dacao2baafa7-christmas1>

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 is underway 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.



**ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY:** Our annual Nativity Display will be held this morning, from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Please take a few minutes to enjoy this beautiful display. All Nativities can be picked up today beginning at 4:30 pm. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and their Nativities for this event. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.

**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.

**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!

**HOPE IS LOOKING FOR A PT BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:**

The position is available immediately for an established church bell choir with 3 octave hand bells and 1 octave hand chimes. Candidate must be proficient in at least one keyboard instrument and possess strong musical ability. Seeking enthusiastic, outgoing, energetic individual with excellent interpersonal, organizational and communication skills to join staff members of a dynamic, thriving church. Submit letter of interest, resume, and completed application (available at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org)) to Hope Lutheran Church, 4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville, PA 18035. Deadline for applications is December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please pass this information on to anyone who you know might be interested.

**CANDLE ASSEMBLY:** We are seeking 4 – 5 helpers to meet here at Hope Church on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to assemble candles for Christmas Eve Worship Service. If you are interested in lending a much needed helping hand, please contact Jennifer in the church office at 610-767-7203 or [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org).

**2017 SUNDAY SCHOOL TAX STATEMENTS:** Statements to be used for income tax purposes will be given only to those who request them. Please provide your name and envelope number with your child's offering, or phone Nancy Creyer at 610-767-8942 (leave message). Statements will be completed in January of 2018.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Please mark your calendars, the Sunday School will be presenting their Christmas Program "*Come to the Manger*" on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 am during the Sunday School hour. In the event of inclement weather, the snow date has been scheduled for Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:** Please remember the Sunday School children are collecting candy for St. Stephens. You can check out all of their monthly superhero missions by looking at their bulletin board in the narthex. They are seeking the following:

- \*Skittles
- \*Plain M & M's
- \*Candy Canes
- \*Pez Dispensers with candy
- \*Life Savers



## 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

## REMINDER TO ADVENT EVENING WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**November 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7:00 pm**

<b>Acolyte</b>	Brance Shoenberger
<b>Greeter</b>	Tim & Karen Lockard
<b>Ushers</b>	Kaspfern Team
<b>Music</b>	Janet Filchner

### REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<b>Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ethan Rehrig	Anna Bealer
<b>Crucifer</b>	Madison Miller	Jevin Fritz
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Barry Ritter Terry Ritter Betty Rock	
<b>Greeter</b>	Johnny Zmyewski	Judy Deiter
<b>Lector</b>	Katie Biechy	Abby Possinger
<b>Nursery</b>	Ava & Jodi Smith	Owen & Jennifer Laury
<b>Ushers</b>	Kocher Team	Snyder Team
<b>AV Assistants</b>	Reece Anderson	Sam Koplín
<b>November Altar Guild</b>	Team 2: Weil, Zimmermann, Schimaneck, Christman Team 3: Steiner, Green Burns	
<b>Nov. Sign Changers</b>	Betty Rock	

### **CALENDAR OF THE WEEK:**

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

<b>Today</b>	Nativity Display – Kuntz Hall Sunday School	8:00 am 9:00 am
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Council & Mutual Ministry Meeting – Hanson Hall	6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Decorating For Advent – Sanctuary Advent Evening Worship Service	8:00 am 7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Bible Study NVD Commissioner Meeting (#133)	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	HHH Zooks Pies & Apple Dumplings Delivery	3:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	HHH Zooks Pies & Apple Dumplings Distribution – Kuntz Hall	9:00 am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Sunday School Post Confirmation	9:15 am 9:00 am