

# Hope Lutheran Church

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February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

## 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

Acolytes	Felicia Paly	Holly Fasching
Crucifers	Ava Smith	Grace Heffintrayer
Greeters	Ernie Doncsecz	Judy Dieter
Lectors	Jennifer Ventura	Doug Daniel
Nursery	Sarah & Catherine Bird	Daedra & Gina VanLuvanne
Ushers	Kocher Team	Daniel Team
Communion Assistants		Brenda Lehr, Karen Wolfe
AV Assistants	Reece Anderson	
Altar Guild February	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 211
- \* **Gathering Song "The God of Abraham Praise" # 831**
- \* Greeting/Kyrie p 213
- \* Prayer of the Day

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

- First Reading Genesis 17:1-7,15-16
- Second Reading Romans 4:13-25
- \* Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord ..." p 216
- \* Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-38
- Children's Message
- Sermon
- \* **Hymn of the Day "Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song" # 808**
- \* 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
- \* Canticle of Thanksgiving p 219
- \* Thanksgiving for the Word p 220
- \* The Lord's Prayer

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

- \* Blessing
- \* **Sending Song "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" # 769**
- \* Dismissal
- \* Postlude

*\*please stand if you are able*

# Holy Communion 10:30 AM

## Setting Four

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

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- \* **Gathering Song "The God of Abraham Praise" # 831**
- \* Greeting/Kyrie p 147
- \* Prayer of the Day

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- First Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
- Anthem "Down to the River to Pray" Senior Choir
- Second Reading Romans 4:13-25
- \* Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord..." p 151
- \* Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-38
- Sermon
- \* **Hymn of the Day "Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song" # 808**
- \* 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 "For Those Tears I Died" Junior Choir
- \* Offertory Response "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" # 181
- \* Great Thanksgiving p 152
- \* Holy, Holy, Holy p 153
- \* The Lord's Prayer
- Communion (*intinction*)

**(PLEASE NOTE: gluten free station is available in front of the baptismal font)**

- "Lamb of God..." p 154
- \* Post Communion Canticle "Now, Lord" # 202
- \* Prayer

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**CORE PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** ☩ In Celebration of Nicole Belletti's birthday, love Mom and Dad; ☩ In Honor of my mom, Kathryn Strohl, as we celebrate her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday TODAY, February 25<sup>th</sup>, with love from Linda

**BULLETINS:** ☩ In Honor of Georgia Mohrey on her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 27<sup>th</sup> with love from Jessica and Linda; ☩ In Celebration of Kasey Frey's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, with love Mom; ☩ In Celebration of Nicole Belletti's birthday, love Mom and Dad

**IN PRAYER TODAY:** Holy Trinity, Catasauqua, The Rev. Brian S. Riedy

**STATISTICS:** Last Sunday's attendance; 8:00 am service – Cancelled due to inclement weather / 10:30 am service 116; **Total offering \$4797.08;** (includes **\$105.00** for the building fund, Sunday School - Cancelled). Lenten Services 11:00 am service – / 7:00 pm service 50; **Total offering \$372.00.**

**LAMPa NEWS:** Do you have a heart for social justice and advocacy? Join Pastor Brian on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm (before Lenten worship) to discuss LAMPa, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania. We will look into existing LAMPa materials and brainstorm our own ideas for advocating for the poor and oppressed in our neighborhood, our nation, and our world. Email Pastor Brian with any questions at [asstpastor@hopecherryville.org](mailto:asstpastor@hopecherryville.org). Hope to see you there!

**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:

02/25/18	Dylan, Paige Kemmerer and family
02/26/18	Charles Jr. Elaine Kern and family
02/27/18	Amanda Kernan and family
02/28/18	Lori, Shaye Kerper and family

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP NEWS:** To improve our security on a Sunday morning, the door at the Hanson Hall exit will no longer be unlocked. Please use the doors in the main parking lot or the double doors on the Route 248 side of the building. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**YOUTH GROUP CANDY SALE:** Youth Group is selling homemade Easter Candy with pickup dates on March 18<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please sign-up on the Youth Bulletin Board to place your order!

**CLOTHING DRIVE:** The Annual Youth Group clothing drive will be held the week of March 5<sup>th</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup>. Start saving your used clothing (in good shape) to be donated to the cause!

**ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING:**

During this Lenten season, we hope you will consider additional giving 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. Visit the church website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the Online Giving page.

If you regularly give online and no longer want to receive church envelopes, please contact Jennifer in the church office at 610-767-7203 or by email: [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) and we will remove you from the mailing list.



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

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

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:** We are in need of more congregation members to join in this ministry as Communion Assistants, Ushers, Altar Guild and Audio/Visual volunteers. Thank you to all who share their time and talents in making services run smoothly here at Hope Church! If you are interested in serving, please contact Jennifer in the church office at 610-767-7203 or [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org).

**PICTURES HAVE ARRIVED:** If you had your picture taken for the directory and did not purchase a package, your free 8 x 10 picture has been delivered to the Church Office. Please contact Jennifer at 610-767-7203 or email: [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) to make arrangements to pick up your picture.

**LENTEN WORSHIP:** The Wednesday Lenten services will be at 11:00 am and will be centered on “the Fruits of the Spirit”. The evening Lenten Services will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays through March 21<sup>st</sup> and will focus on “The Power of Forgiveness”.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE:** During this cold and flu season, we will share the peace verbally without shaking hands.

**FOOD BANK NEWS:** March is Hope Church Month at the Northampton Food Bank. We are responsible for providing volunteers to staff the food bank during packing and distribution days during the month of March. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for days and times. Please consider joining us as we serve the community in this very important outreach.

**IS THERE CHURCH:** If the weather is extremely bad on any given Sunday, and you are wondering if Sunday Church School, worship services, or evening activities are cancelled, please check WFMZ either online or TV or check our website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org).

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** There will be Social Ministry meeting today following the 10:30 am service in the conference room.

**WOMEN OF FAITH:** Join the Women of Faith on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Hanson Hall as they make fleece blankets for older children who are baptized here at Hope Church. If you can tie a knot, you are able to help make these lovely blankets.

**BEAR CREEK CAMP:** Summer 2018 we will have the fun and experiences you expect to find at Bear Creek Camp and some new surprises as well! Register by March 1<sup>st</sup> to receive your early bird discount! Please see Pastor Jami if you would like scholarship information, or see the Community Bulletin Board for registration information and forms.

**CARD SHOWER:** Olive Hawk will celebrate her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on March 1<sup>st</sup>. You can send cards to 3438 Furry Court, Emerald, Pa 18088. Phyllis Latshaw will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 1<sup>st</sup>! You can send cards to 4827 W. Mountain View Drive, Walnutport, Pa 18088. Let’s send some birthday cheer their way!

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:** We will be sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see the show “Jesus” on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the trip, which includes bus ticket, show and dinner at Shady Maples, will be \$90.00 for Adults and \$54.00 for Children under 12. The bus will leave Hope Church at 8:30 am and return to Hope Church at approximately 6:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. Please make checks payable to Hope Church and in the memo section please note Evangelism Bus Trip. All checks should be given to Sharyn Kratzer at sign-up. For questions or further information, please contact Sharyn Kratzer at 610-261-1277.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS:** Envelopes will be available March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 18<sup>th</sup> noting the Easter Flowers available for purchase. Please note all order envelopes will be located in the Narthex and may be returned to the locked box, church office or offering plate with payment included. All orders due by March 18<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Penny Fasching at 610-377-4572.

**GRIEF COUNSELING:** Grief is a confusing, tangled and painful process of discovering how to live, feel, cope and heal in the midst of coming to terms with loss. No one should have to face grief alone. LCS offers "Journeys Through Grief" counseling in small groups where for six 1½ hour sessions, you will learn about the stages of grief and explore your feelings about the loss you have experienced. Our goal is not to make grief disappear, but to equip the group's participants with the tools needed for lifelong healing and understanding. Under the guidance of a professional Christian counselor or trained facilitator, you will learn how you can live with the grief associated with loss. Moravian Church in Emmaus, PA - Tuesday nights from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm from February 20<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>. To register, contact Bereavement Coordinator Sylvia Havlish at 610-395-5045. There is no cost to attend. Flyers available on the Bulletin Board.



**REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00 PM**

<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Usher Team</b>	<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	<b>Lector</b>
Ava Smith	N/A	Lee & Georgene Blose	Benninger Team	N/A	N/A

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

<b>Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Madison Miller	Alexa Rousenberger
<b>Crucifer</b>	Ethan Rehrig	Crysta Strohl
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Sharyn Kratzer, Vicki Steiner, John Zmyewski	
<b>Greeter</b>	Sharyn Kratzer	Greg & AnnaMarie Gaugler
<b>Lector</b>	Cindy Kocher	Karen Koplin
<b>Nursery</b>	Thomas & Sonya Spohn	Ryan & Barbara McCutcheon
<b>Ushers</b>	Mohrey Team	Leibenguth Team
<b>AV Assistants</b>	Reece Anderson	Sam Koplin
<b>March Altar Guild</b>	Team 5: Wainwright, Amey & Hildebrand	
<b>March Sign Changers</b>	John and Linda Kasporn	

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

<b>DAY OF WEEK</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>TODAY</b>	Sunday School Outreach Ministry Meeting Sunday School Teacher Meeting	9:15 am 11:30 am 11:30 am
<b>Monday</b>	Women of Faith Meeting Youth Group Candy Making (Adults only) – Kuntz Hall	6:00 pm 6:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Audit Team Meeting – Council Room National Youth Gathering Meeting – Kuntz Hall	6:00 pm 6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Staff Meeting Mid-Day Lenten Worship Service LAMPa Meeting Lenten Worship Service	9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Pastor’s Bible Study Evangelism Committee Meeting Bible Study Property Committee Meeting	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	Confirmation Mini-Retreat	8:30 am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Sunday School Post Confirmation	9:15 am 9:15 am

# DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- \* Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- \* Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- \* Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- \* Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- \* Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- \* Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- \* Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- \* Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- \* Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- \* Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- \* Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.