

Hope Lutheran Church

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March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The Ten Commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

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	Madison Miler	Alexa Rousenberger
Crucifers	Ethan Rehrig	Crysta Strohl
Greeters	Sharyn Kratzer	Greg & AnnaMarie Gaugler
Lectors	Cindy Kocher	Karen Koplín
Nursery	Thomas & Sonya Spohn	Aiden & Stephanie Carrion
Ushers	Mohrey Team	Leibenguth Team
Communion Assistants	Sharyn Kratzer, Vicki Steiner, John Zmyewski	
AV Assistants	Reece Anderson	Sam Koplín
Altar Guild March	Team 5: Wainwright, Amey & Hildebrand	
Percussionist	Joe Neupauer	

Holy Communion

8:00 AM

Setting Four

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

- Prelude/Announcements
- * Confession and Forgiveness p 94
- * **Gathering Song "Built on a Rock" # 652**
- * Greeting/Kyrie p 147
- * Prayer of the Day

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

- First Reading Exodus 20:1-17
- Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- * Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord..." p 151
- * Gospel Reading John 2:13-22
- Sermon
- * **Hymn of the Day "Lord Christ, When First You..." # 727**
- * 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 "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother" Senior 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

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

- * Blessing
- * **Sending Song "God of Grace and God of Glory" # 705**
- * 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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- Children's Message
- Sermon
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- * Apostles' Creed p 217
- * Prayers of Intercession
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Thanksgiving *We give thanks for the saving word*

- Offering "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother" Senior Choir
- * Canticle of Thanksgiving p 219
- * Thanksgiving for the Word p 220
- * The Lord's 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 Cindy's Mom, Olive Hawk's Birthday on March 1st, Love Cindy and Scott; In Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Hudock from the Rock Family

BULLETINS: ☩ In Celebration of Ryan Verret's Birthday

IN PRAYER TODAY: St. Paul, Catasauqua, The Rev. Scott J. Paradise

STATISTICS: Last Sunday's attendance; 8:00 am service – 125 / 10:30 am service 161; **Total offering \$11789.46;** (includes **\$124.00** for the building fund, Sunday School - **\$232.00**). Lenten Services 11:00 am service – 22/ 7:00 pm service 58; **Total offering \$278.00.**

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:

03/01/18	Brittany, Brayden, Lillian Keyser and family
03/02/18	June Kinek and family
03/03/18	Michelle Kintz and family
03/04/18	Mary Kline and family
03/05/18	Annette Knappenberger and family
03/06/18	Grace Knappenberger and family
03/07/18	Kailee Knecht and family
03/08/18	Jennifer, Jarod Jr., Evan Knouss and family
03/09/18	Charles, Patricia Kobal 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.

WELCA UPDATE: Minutes from the last meeting are available on the Bulletin Board for anyone who is interested.

YOUTH GROUP CANDY SALE: Youth Group is selling homemade Easter Candy with pickup dates on March 18th and March 25th. 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 5th through March 9th. 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 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 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.

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 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 21st and will focus on “The Power of Forgiveness”.



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS: Now accepting orders for Easter Flowers through March 18th. Envelopes are located in the Narthex. Please return the completed envelope with payment to the locked box, church office or offering plate. All orders due by March 18th. Any questions, please contact Penny Fasching at 610-377-4572.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Please join us and save the dates July 9th through July 13th for our annual VBS. This year we will be getting Shipwrecked and Rescued by Jesus. Save the date, more information coming soon!

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: We will be sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see the show "Jesus" on Wednesday, June 27th. The cost for the trip, which includes bus ticket, show and dinner at Shady Maple, 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Will be March 11th at the 10:30 am service. There will be a reception with cake and beverages following the service.

REMINDER, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IS SATURDAY MARCH 10TH, REMEMBER TO SPRING AHEAD FOR SERVICE ON SUNDAY.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR EASTER BASKETS FOR

GRACEDALE: Our Social Ministry Committee will once again be delivering Easter Baskets to Gracedale on Saturday, March 24th. Items needed to fill the baskets are travel sizes of toothpaste, lotion, perfume, powder, body sprays, individual Jell-O/snack pack cups and drinks. Additional items needed are colored socks and ankle socks, non-skid socks, search a word books, pens, small tablets, individual packets of tissues, crackers, cookies and pretzels. Please place the items in the box in the narthex.



20th ANNUAL SPRING BASKET SOCIAL: SAVE THE DATE ~ APRIL 13th

If you would like to make a donation to the Basket Social (a theme basket, gift card with receipt, individual item) or a food item, case of water or soda or wrapped baked goods, please bring the items to Kuntz Hall the evening of April 12th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm or the morning of April 13th from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice program and help support organizations and charities you care about. Don't let your Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31st to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

AMAZON SMILE REWARDS: Please remember when shopping on amazon.com to utilize smile.amazon.com and select Hope Lutheran Church. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. As a special incentive bonus, Hope Lutheran Church will receive 1.5% on all qualified first time purchases made from March 12th through March 31st. Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1948837. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply.

WOMAN OF FAITH: Join us on Monday, March 26th for our first ever “Treasure Trade”. Start looking around your house for three or four items that you no longer need or want. Anything you bring should be in very good condition. You will be able to pick the same amount of items that you bring from the other donations. Remember, one woman’s “junk” is another woman’s treasure!

REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH AT 7:00 PM



Acolyte	Greeter	Usher Team
Sarah Bird	Adam Holencik	Amey Team

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, March 11th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolyte	Antonio Franco	Daedra VanLuvanee
Crucifer	Gavin Hagley	Anna Bealer
Communion Assistants		Robin Zamadics, Danielle Weaver, Samantha Weaver
Greeter	Dolores Reenock	Chip Hunsicker
Lector	Nancy Biechy	Allison Lockard
Nursery	Felicia & Monica Paly	Ryan & Barbara McCutcheon
Ushers	Kocher Team	Lehr Team
AV Assistants	Reece Anderson	
March Altar Guild	Team 5: Wainwright, Amey & Hildebrand	
March Sign Changers	John and Linda Kaspurn	

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK: For complete rehearsal schedules, see the online calendar at calendar.hopecherryville.org:

DAY OF WEEK	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Sunday School Post Confirmation	9:15 am 9:15 am
Monday	Youth Group Clothing Drive Northern Lehigh Mission District Meeting – Kuntz Hall Centering Prayer Youth Group Candy Making – Adults Only – Kuntz Hall	9:00 am 2:00 pm 6:00 pm
Tuesday	Youth Group Clothing Drive Pastor’s Pericope Study – Kuntz Hall Church Security Team Meeting	8:30 am 6:30 pm
Wednesday	Youth Group Clothing Drive Soup Group & Delivery Mid-Day Lenten Worship Service Centering Prayer Lenten Worship Service	9:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	Youth Group Clothing Drive Prayer Shawl Bible Study	10:00 am 6:30 pm
Friday	Youth Group Clothing Drive Youth Group Sleepover – Kuntz Hall	6:30 pm
Saturday	Clothing Drive Pickup Blue & Gold Banquet – Boy Scouts	9:00 am 2:30 pm
Next Sunday Mar 11th	Sunday School First Holy Communion & Reception	9:15 am



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: REMEMBER TO SPRING AHEAD FOR WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT WEEK MARCH 11TH!

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.

**NORTHAMPTON AREA KONKRETE KIDS
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED
ALUMNI WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE:**

The Konkrete Kids Educational Foundation cordially invites Hope Lutheran Church Congregation Members to their First Annual Celebration of the Northampton Area Konkrete Kids Educational Foundation Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor Inductees which will be Honoring Rev. Clark Kuntz II (Class of 1963) on April 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm – Dinner, Recognition Program & Auction at Woodstone Country Club and Lodge (coat and tie preferred).

The Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor will be located in Northampton Area High School's main lobby. A plaque on the wall for each inductee will recognize personal and professional post high school graduation achievements and will feature a current photo, as well as the inductee's senior photo. The Distinguished Alumni inductees honored on the wall will serve as an inspiration to all students and as a reminder to our entire community of Northampton Area School District's proud education tradition and commitment to serve others.

Each inductee will be publicly honored at the April 13th evening Celebration. Family, friends, colleagues, community members, faculty, and students will join the Konkrete Kids Educational Foundation in making the Celebration Dinner and Recognition Program a memorable event for these six inaugural Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor inductees. The Celebration will also serve as a Foundation fundraiser to help make monetary grants available to all Northampton Area School District faculty to develop and provide innovative programs that positively impact our students.

Individual Sponsor cost is \$55.00 which includes dinner and award celebration. For more information on ticket options, sponsorship opportunities, and auction participation details are available in the Narthex.