

Hope Lutheran Church

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March 11, 2018 **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

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	Antonio Franco	Daedra VanLuvanee
Crucifers	Gavin Hagley	Anna Bealer
Greeters	Dolores Reenock	Chip Hunsicker
Lectors	Nancy Biechy	Allison Lockard
Nursery	Felicia & Monica Paly	Ryan & Barbara McCutcheon
Ushers	Kocher Team	Lehr Team
Communion Assistants		Robin Zamadics, Danielle Weaver, Samantha Lambert
AV Assistants	Reece Anderson	
Altar Guild March	Team 5: Wainwright, Amey & Hildebrand	
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 "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"** # 335
- * Greeting/Kyrie p 213
- * Prayer of the Day

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

- First Reading Numbers 21:4-9
- Anthem "Lifted Up" Jr. & Sr. Choir
- Second Reading Ephesians 2:1-10
- * Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord ..." p 216
- * Gospel Reading John 3:14-21
- Children's Message
- Sermon
- * **Hymn of the Day "Restore in Us, O God"** # 328
- * 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
- * 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 "Christ Be Our Light"** # 715
- * Dismissal
- * Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Holy Communion 10:30 AM

Setting Four

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Holy Baptism

- Baptism Hymn "Baptized in Water"** # 456
- * Prayers of Intercession
- Leader:** Lord, in your mercy. **Cong.:** Hear our prayer.
- * Peace

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

- Offering
- * 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 Jessica Yost's Birthday, Love You Nana & Grandpa

BULLETINS: ☩ In Celebration of our grandson, Noah Wolfel's, 14th Birthday, Love MomMom & PopPop; ☩ In Loving Memory of my Husband, Ed, With Love Barbara

IN PRAYER TODAY: Hope, Cherryville, The Rev. Jami L. Possinger and The Rev. Brian R. Rajcok

STATISTICS: Last Sunday's attendance; 8:00 am service – 103/ 10:30 am service 106; **Total offering \$5652.20;** (includes **\$280.00** for the building fund, Sunday School - **\$113.00**).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Congratulations to our Communion Class of 2018 who are receiving their First Holy Communion today at the 10:30 am worship service. They are:

Abygail Borger	Alexis Santee
Morgan Chandler	Sophia Thomas
Jonathan Erkinger	Declan Unangst
Dante Keen	Abigail VanLuvanee
Xander McDonald	Megan Weaver
Juliana Medei	Robert Weaver
Octavia Reichelderfer	John Wolfel
Cassidy Blaukovitch-Solt	

Thank you to their teachers, Robin Zamadics, Samantha Lambert and Danielle Weaver for all the time, love and energy they put into preparing our children to receive this sacrament. Also a special thank you to Robin Zamadics for all of her help! The students will receive a study Bible and a corsage or boutonniere provided by the church. There will be a reception following the service in Kuntz Hall. All are welcome!

HOLY BAPTISM: This morning during the 10:30 am worship service, we are blessed to have the Baptism of:

***Harley Hunter Ritter.** Hunter is the son of Scott and Samantha Ritter. Hunter was born on October 13, 2017 at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Please welcome Harley to our church family here at Hope. Please no flash photography during the worship service.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES: To the family and friends of Kenneth P. Beers who passed away on Sunday, March 4, 2018. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

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:

03/10/18	Cheryl Kocher and family
03/11/18	Gavin Kocher and family
03/12/18	Scott, Cynthia Kocher and family
03/13/18	Evelyn Kohler and family
03/14/18	Larry, Karen, Samuel, Emily Koplín and family
03/15/18	Michael, Cynthia, Krista, Sean Koropchak and family
03/16/18	Skylar Kostick and family
03/17/18	Nadia, Gabrielle Kowalchuk 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.

CARD SHOWER: Lloyd Moats will celebrate his 95th birthday on March 29th. Please send birthday cards to him at 945 Blue Mountain Drive, Walnutport, PA 18088. Let's send some birthday cheer his way!



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!

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.

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: 20th Annual Spring Basket Social - Friday, April 13th - 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Special surprises to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this combined ministry fundraiser for The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope's Good Samaritan Fund. Donations of theme basket(s), gift card(s), water, soda, baked goods, etc. are appreciated. Questions may be directed to any Basket Committee Member or to the Church Office. Basket Committee Members - A Planning Meeting for the April 13th Social will take place in Hanson Hall at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3rd.

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 14th AT 7:00 PM



Acolyte	Greeter	Usher Team
Reece Anderson	Earl & Toni Snyder	Kasperm Team

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, March 18th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolyte	Antonio Franco	Grace Heffintrayer
Crucifer	Brianna Weaver	Sam Koplín
Communion Assistants	Deb Gardner, Betty Rock	
Greeter	Betty Rock	Marge Zimmermann
Lector	Nancy Biechy	Sharyn Kratzer
Nursery	Ashley & Stephanie Patterson	Holly & Penny Fasching
Ushers	Livermon Team	Snyder Team
AV Assistants	Charles Kutzler	
March Altar Guild	Team 5: Wainwright, Amey & Hildebrand	
March Sign Changers	John and Linda Kasperm	

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

DAY OF WEEK	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Service of the Word Sunday School First Holy Communion/Baptism First Holy Communion Reception – Kuntz Hall	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am
Monday	Finance Committee Meeting Church Council Meeting	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Tuesday	Pastor’s Pericope Study – Kuntz Hall Story Weavers & Lunch Garden Club – Kuntz Hall	8:30 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm
Wednesday	Staff Meeting Mid-Day Lenten Worship Service Outreach Ministry St. Stephen’s POW Lenten Worship Service	9:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	Pastor’s Bible Study Bible Study	10:00 am 6:30 pm
Friday		
Saturday	Youth Group Candy Making – Kuntz Hall Kitchen	9:00 am
Next Sunday Mar 18th	Holy Communion Post Confirmation Sunday School Service of the Word – Girl Scout Sunday National Youth Gathering Meeting – Kuntz hall	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:45 am

**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.