

Hope Lutheran Church

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March 18, 2018 **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s light and truth into our hearts. We see God’s heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

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	Grace Heffintrayer
Crucifers	Brianna Weaver	Sam Koplín
Greeters	Betty Rock	Girl Scouts
Lectors	Nancy Biechy	Girl Scouts
Nursery	Ashley Stephanie Patterson	Holly & Penny Fasching
Ushers	Livermon Team & Girl Scouts	Snyder Team & Girl Scouts
Communion Assistants	Deb Gardner, Betty Rock	
AV Assistants		
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 “When I Survey...”** # 803
- * Greeting/Kyrie p 147
- * Prayer of the Day

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

- First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Anthem “Everlasting Arms” Senior Choir
Danielle Weaver, flute; Jeremy Zimmerman, cello;
Janet Filchner, piano
- Second Reading Hebrews 5:5-10
- * Gospel Acclamation “Return to the Lord...” p 151
- * Gospel Reading John 12:20-33
- Sermon
- * **Hymn of the Day “Seed That in Earth Is Dying”** # 330
- * 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*

- * 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 “As the Sun with Longer Journey”** # 329
- * 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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- First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Second Reading Hebrews 5:5-10
- * Gospel Acclamation “Return to the Lord ...” p 216
- * Gospel Reading John 12:20-33
- 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 “Everlasting Arms” Senior Choir
Danielle Weaver, flute; Jeremy Zimmerman, cello;
Janet Filchner, piano
- * 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: ☼ Happy Birthday to my son, Wayne Reiss (3/18) and my daughter, Robin Zamadics (3/28), Love Mom

BULLETINS: ☼ In Memory of Ruth Kuehner, by Larry, Kren, Sam and Emily Koplin

IN PRAYER TODAY: St. John, Coplay, The Rev. Timothy D. Boyer

STATISTICS: Last Sunday's attendance; 8:00 am service – 122/ 10:30 am service 241; **Total offering \$6977.52;** (includes **\$234.00** for the building fund, Sunday School - **\$133.70**). Lenten Services; mid-day 23 / evening 54; **Total Offering \$353.00.**

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:

03/18/18	Sharyn Kratzer and family
03/19/18	Hannah, Ava Kreider and family
03/20/18	Patricia Kresley and family
03/21/18	Barry Krock and family
03/22/18	Brent Krock and family
03/23/18	Eric, Suzanne Krock and family
03/24/18	Darrell Kromer 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.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY: Today we welcome all of the scouts to our 10:30 am worship service this morning. Thank you to the scouts and their leaders for their participation today and their service and dedication all year.

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

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!*

LAST CHANCE TO ATTEND 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”.



LAST DAY FOR EASTER FLOWER ORDERS: 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 TODAY. Any questions, please contact Penny Fasching at 610-377-4572.

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!



MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 29th

- ✘ Worship Service at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm
- ✘ Soup Luncheon follows the 11:00 am service*
- ✘ Holy Communion at both services
- ✘ Symbolic Washing of Disciples Feet at 7:00 pm*
- * Please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board



GOOD FRIDAY – March 30th

- ✘ Community Service - 12 Noon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- ✘ 7:00 pm Tenebrae Worship at Hope Church
- ✘ Prayer Vigil 11:00 pm through 5:00 am Sunday

EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – April 1st

6:00, 8:00 & 10:30 am

- ✘ Holy Communion at every service
 - ✘ Breakfast in Kuntz Hall from 7:00 –10:00 am
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PALMS: Help is needed to split palms on Saturday, March 24th at 10:00 am. No need to sign up, just come to the church to help!

PRAYER VIGIL: Again this year, we will have a prayer vigil from 11:00 pm on Good Friday until 5:00 am on Easter Sunday morning. This means we need volunteers to spend an hour in the church sanctuary during these hours in prayer and reflection. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Please note a code will be issued for all participants for entry into the church.

SYMBOLIC FOOT WASHING: Twelve persons are needed to volunteer for foot washing on Maundy Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

RALLY TO END RACISM: On Wednesday April 4th, Pastor Brian is leading this trip to Washington DC to participate in the National Council of Churches' Rally To End Racism, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will be departing at 4 am on Wednesday morning and travelling to DC as a group. The rally will be 9 am - 3 pm and many denominational leaders will be present, including our own ELCA Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and speak to Pastor Brian for more information or following this link:

<https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7908>.



REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST AT 7:00 PM

Acolyte	Greeter	Usher Team
Gavin Hagley	Larry Creyer	Lehr Team

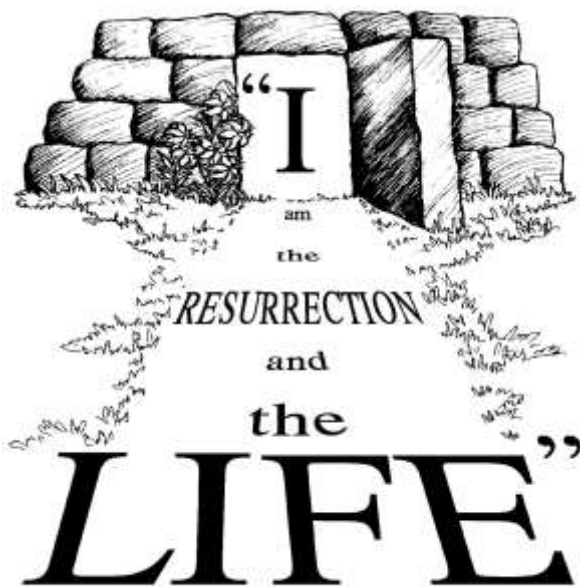
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, March 25th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolyte	Brance Shoenberger	Megan Smith
Crucifer	Sarah Bird	Emily McCutcheon
Communion Assistants		Karen Wolfe, Linda Mery, Kim Belletti
Greeter	John Zmyewski	Lee & Georgene Blos
Lector	Michelle Costanzo	Abby Possinger
Nursery	Ava & Jody Smith	Aislinn & Jennifer McDonald
Ushers	Kocher Team	Benninger Team
AV Assistants	Reece Anderson	
March Altar Guild	Team 5: Wainwright, Amey & Hildebrand	
March Sign Changers	John and Linda Kaspern	

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

DAY OF WEEK	EVENT	TIME
TODAY	Post Confirmation Sunday School National Youth Gathering Meeting – Kuntz Hall	9:15 am 9:15 am 11:45 am
Monday	Centering Prayer Friendship Dance	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Tuesday	WELCA Meeting	9:00 am
Wednesday	Lenten Mid-Day Service Centering Prayer Lenten Evening Service	11:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	Pastor’s Bible Study HHH Meeting Bible Study	10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm
Friday		
Saturday	Youth Group Candy Making – Kuntz Hall Kitchen	9:00 am
Next Sunday Mar 25th	Sunday School	9:15 am



John 11:25