

# Hope Lutheran Church

4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville, PA 18035-1030  
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**CORE PURPOSE STATEMENT: *People of Hope: working together, with God, to love and serve others...***

**March 25, 2018 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday**

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.

## 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	Brance Shoenberger	Megan Smith
Crucifers	Sarah Bird	Emily McCutcheon
Greeters	John Zmyewski	Lee & Georgene Blose
Lectors	Michelle Costanzo	Abby Possinger
Nursery	Ava & Jody Smith	Aislinn & Jennifer McDonald
Ushers	Kocher Team	Benninger Team
Communion Assistants		Karen Wolfe, Linda Mery, Kim Belletti
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
- Blessing of the Palms  
*Beginning with the rear pews, the congregation will follow the choir in a procession to receive their palms.*
- \*Processional Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" # 344**
- \*Processional Conclusion  
Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
People: Hosanna in the Highest.
- \* Prayer of the Day

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

- First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11
- \* Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord ..." p 216
- \* Gospel Reading Mark 11:1-11
- Children's Message
- Sermon
- \* Hymn of the Day "At the Name of Jesus" # 416**
- \* 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 "On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem"  
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 "Lift High the Cross" # 660**
- \* Dismissal
- \* Postlude

*\*please stand if you are able*

# Holy Communion 10:30 AM

## Setting Four

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- \* Apostles' Creed p 105
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### Meal *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

- Offering "On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem" 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

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**March 25, 2018**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

**CORE PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

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Please take time to prepare for worship through meditation and prayer during the prelude. As you arrive in worship find a place in a pew, please use the following prayer to center your thoughts and spirit. As the prelude begins, quiet your voice and soul. With music and prayer let us move from “getting to church” to “being the church” as we worship together.

*Holy and loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.*

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** ✠ In Celebration of our grandson, Bryson Knecht’s 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, Love Oma & Opa Leibenguth; ✠ In Memory of my dad, Neal Hontz for his birthday on March 24<sup>th</sup>, By Judy Stubits

**BULLETINS:** ✠ In Celebration of Tommy Nichols’ birthday, with Love Tom Nichols; ✠ In Celebration of Abygail Borger on her 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion, From the Rock Family.

**IN PRAYER TODAY:** Emmanuel, Emanuelsville, The Rev. Barry L. Mitchell and The Rev. Elizabeth M. Mitchell.

**STATISTICS:** Last Sunday’s attendance; 8:00 am service – 115/ 10:30 am service 133; **Total offering \$8004.28;** (includes **\$120.00** the building fund, Sunday School - **\$147.00**). Lenten Services were cancelled due to weather.

**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:

03/25/18	David Kromer and family
03/26/18	Kevin, Kelly, Kyle Kromer and family
03/27/18	Russell, Lucille Kromer and family
03/28/18	Elizabeth Krupa and family
03/29/18	Charles Jr, Jayne, Alyson Kunes and family
03/30/18	Bryan Kunkel and family
03/31/18	Herman, Kathleen, Julie Kunkel 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.

**ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING:**

We realize most people don't carry cash or a checkbook anymore. To make it easy for both members and visitors to express their generosity during the Easter season, we offer electronic giving options that allow you to contribute when and how you prefer. You'll find that electronic giving is fast, secure and easy to use. 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!*

**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 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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** For April 22<sup>nd</sup> as we welcome and will rejoice, with the Muhlenberg College Gospel Choir, a spirit-filled musical ensemble which is comprised of students from various places, races and creeds. The Gospel Choir is truly reflective of the diverse interests and ethnicities within the Muhlenberg College community.

**20th ANNUAL SPRING BASKET SOCIAL:** Save the Date: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Basket Social - Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Special surprises to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> Social will take place in Hanson Hall at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you to Kathryn Strohl and Linda Sidor for sponsoring tickets for the Spring Basket Social. Kathryn's sponsorship is in loving memory of Howard Strohl on his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Linda's sponsorship is in Honor of all volunteers who have so generously donated their time and talents to raising funds for The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope's Good Samaritan Fund these past twenty years.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

**AMAZON SMILE REWARDS:** Please remember when shopping on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) to utilize [smile.amazon.com](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1948837](http://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.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Thank you to Penny Fasching for organizing the Easter Flower sale. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

**WELCA UPDATE:** Minutes from the meeting held on March 20<sup>th</sup> are available in the Narthex.

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 29<sup>th</sup>

- ✘ 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 30<sup>th</sup>

- ✘ 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 1<sup>st</sup>

- ✘ 6:00, 8:00 and 10:30 am
- ✘ Holy Communion at every service
- ✘ Breakfast in Kuntz Hall from 7:00 –10:00 am

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**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 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** All are invited to attend our Easter breakfast on Easter morning, Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 am – 10:00 am in Kuntz Hall. Baskets will be available on each table for donations. Donations of baked items would also be appreciated. Help is needed on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am to help set up and also for food preparation. Please contact Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512 for more information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

**HELP NEEDED:** We are in need of Ushers for the 6:00 am Easter Sunday Service. If you are able to assist in any way, kindly contact Jennifer in the Church Office at 610-767-7203.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** On Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and Easter Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please note that the building will be locked on Easter Monday. Thank you.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY:** To all who donated items or volunteered in preparing Easter Baskets for Gracedale. The Social Ministry Committee is very thankful for all of your donations and generosity.

**RALLY TO END RACISM:** On Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Brian is leading this trip to Washington DC to participate in the National Council of Churches' Rally to End Racism, commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> 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>.

**WOMAN OF FAITH:** Join us on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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!



**VERA BRADLEY BINGO:** Youth Group will be hosting Vera Bradley Bingo on Saturday, May 5, 2018 to help raise money to attend the National Youth Gathering in Houston. In addition to bingo we will have a Chinese Auction and food/baked goods for sale. Tickets can be purchased in advanced for \$20 on April 1<sup>st</sup> (at Easer Breakfast); 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> after each service. You can also purchase tickets at the door on May 5<sup>th</sup> for \$25. Please see the posters in the narthex for more information. If you would like to help support our efforts with this fundraiser, we are also in need of the following: monetary donations, food donations, baked goods and Chinese auction items. Please see Allison Lockard or Justin Maurer for more information or email us at [hopeluthyouth@hopecherryville.com](mailto:hopeluthyouth@hopecherryville.com) or call (610) 767-7203 ext 9.

**REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR  
MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> AND GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**



Service Participants	Maundy Thursday March 29th 7:00pm	Good Friday March 31 <sup>st</sup> 7:00pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ashley Patterson	Emily McCutcheon
<b>Crucifers</b>	Arianna Patterson	Ryan McCutcheon
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Brenda Lehr	
<b>Greeters</b>	Dolores Reenock	Betty Krupa
<b>Lectors</b>	Jennifer Ventura	
<b>Ushers</b>	Leibenguth Team	Mohrey Team

**REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Easter Sunday April 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00am	8:00am	10:30am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Aislinn McDonald	Noah Wolfel	Crysta Strohl
<b>Crucifers</b>	Grace Heffintrayer	Aiden Carrion	Jevin Fritz
<b>Greeters</b>	Betty Rock	Ernie Doncsecz	Greg & AnnaMarie Gagler
<b>Lectors</b>	Chris Steigerwalt	Nancy Biechy	Bob Small
<b>Nursery</b>		Bianca & Stephanie Carrion	Antonio & Janet Franco
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>*NEED</b>	Kurinec Team	Amey Team
<b>Video Volunteers</b>			
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Betty Rock, Lori Kerper	John Bednar, Deb Gardner <b>*NEED One Volunteer</b>	Bob Small, Lina Mery, Kim Belletti
<b>Altar Guild for April</b>	Team 2: Weil, Zimmermann, Schimanek, Christman Team 3: Steiner, Green, Burns		
<b>Sign Changer for April</b>	Larry Creyer		

**\*VOLUNTEER NEEDED PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 610-767-7203**

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

DAY OF WEEK	EVENT	TIME
<b>TODAY</b>	Sunday School	9:15 am
<b>Monday</b>	LAMPa Meeting	6:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	PATs (Pastor Brian's Advisory Team) Stewardship Meeting	6:00 pm 6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Staff Meeting	10:00 am
<b>Thursday</b>	Maundy Thursday Worship/Luncheon Maundy Thursday Evening Service/Foot Washing	11:00 am 7:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Good Friday Community Worship Service at Emmanuel Lutheran Good Friday Worship Service (Tenebrae) Prayer Vigil Begins	12:00 pm 7:00 pm 11:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Prayer Vigil Continues	All Day
<b>Next Easter Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Easter Sunrise Service – Holy Communion Breakfast (until 10:30 am) Easter Service with Holy Communion	6:00 am 7:00 am 8:00 and 10:30 am





**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**PRAYER VIGIL**

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Easter morning.

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**PRAYER REQUEST(S)**

Please Pray For:

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Requested By:

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*\*Please indicate if prayer request is for military personnel.*

**PLEASE DROP IN OFFERING PLATE**

