

The Season of Pentecost

24TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Week of November 15th, 2020



Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

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WELCOME TO HOPE!

. We are glad that you are here to
worship with us and encourage you to become a part of our fellowship.

MAY GOD'S WORD RICHLY BLESS YOU TODAY!



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Welcome to Worship

**I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Psalm 122:1**

We are glad to have you in worship and we are glad to worship together. Following governmental directives and in the interest of providing a healthy environment for all who come, we are implementing a number of changes to our **worship routine**:

- Everyone is encouraged to wear masks as you come inside the building
(masks will be provided if you do not have your own)
- Hand sanitizers are available near the entrance of each worship area.
- Please maintain social distance from one another.
- Greeters will not shake hands.
- Please pick up your own bulletin.

Seating:

- Pews in the church are taped off to keep a safe distance. Chairs in the activity center will be distanced, and couples and families can be together.

For Holy Communion:

- Worshippers will approach with masks on and with social distancing.
- The Pastor and elders will sanitize their hands and wear masks.

After the benediction:

- Those closest to the exit will leave first, followed in order by the rest.

Offering plates and Fellowship Registrations will not be passed.

- Please place Fellowship Registrations and Offerings in the plate near the entrance.

Online recordings of each Sunday's service will continue to be provided, though the actual broadcast will be delayed by one week.



Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who are truly sorry for their sins, and desire His forgiveness; who believe that as we receive this bread and wine, we are also receiving the true body and blood of Christ; all who desire to strengthen their faith, and intend, with God's help, to live for Christ and follow Him. Participants may receive the blood of Christ by the Common Cup or individual cups. Non-alcoholic wine (white color) is available for who have sensitivity to alcohol. Gluten free wafers are available – please tell an usher early in the service. Children and those not communing are welcome for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would like to participate.

We will have Holy Communion at both services throughout the pandemic

| | This Week | Next Week |
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| Reader—8:00 a.m.: | Julie Streight | Bob Warrell |
| Bible Readings: | Zephaniah 1:7-16 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30 | Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 Matthew 25:31-46 |
| Comm. Assistant: 8:00 a.m.– | David Fairfield | Tom Jeske |
| Comm. Assistant: 10:30 a.m.– | Bill Durnin | Glenn Holmes |

Love God, Serve Others, Share His Story



| This Week At Hope *Full church calendar may be found on the web at www.hopeLCS.org | | | |
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| Sunday | 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:15 am New Member Class –Meets with Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service 11:45 am AA at Hope 7:00 pm "Return to the Lord" Bible Study | Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary Dufendach Center Narthex via Zoom | |
| Monday | | | |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm Woman's Bible Study Online | via Zoom | |
| Thursday | 3:45 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery | Rm 123 Narthex | |
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What's Happening at Hope...

Technical Team: Interested in audio or video, or want to learn about it? We're rounding up volunteers to help us with our online services. Please call Mark Shockey.

Hymns on Youtube: Our own Mark Shockey is recording hymns on the piano and placing them on Youtube. He plans to continue to record new hymns every two weeks. Sing at home or just listen. There is a pdf of the hymn, and a pdf of just the text in the video notes, in case that would be helpful. You can subscribe in order to receive updates but that isn't necessary. Feel free to share the channel with anyone you think might find it enjoyable. Here is the link... <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCESNPsmMyv9HaFRdMLzliaQ>



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

November 16 – 22, 2020

Empty shoeboxes just waiting to be filled have been placed throughout the school lobby and narthex. Gift suggestions are: school supplies, such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, etc. and non-liquid hygiene items, such as toothbrushes, bar soap, etc. A complete list of gift suggestions can be found by the shoeboxes. At this time, there are no changes from last year as to what can and can't be packed in shoebox gifts this year. You can choose a boy or girl (ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14) to receive your shoebox. Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at any time and placed in the corner by the steps leading from the narthex to the school. The last day will be Sunday, November 22, when we will set them up at the altar for prayer. If you have any questions, please call: **Marjie Rodkey (215-949-1695)** or **Enola Cook at: (609-464-2366)**.



ANGEL TREES

Watch for trees trimmed with Salvation Army angels in the narthex and school lobby in mid-November. The Salvation Army angels list a child and their wish for this Christmas. Ornaments also list hats, scarves and gloves for the children. Hope's Crochet Group has already been busy making hats and scarves. If you'd like, we encourage members to go together in purchasing some of the larger requests. All gifts should be left unwrapped by **Sunday, December 6**. If you have any questions, please call **Marjie Rodkey (215-949-1695)** or **Enola Cook (609-464-2366)**.

Pastoral Reminder:

Today we thank Elder Rich Gruenhagen for sharing God's Word with us, and to Deacon Phil Twietmeyer for leading us in worship and Holy Communion. Pastor Mokry is away on vacation and will return November 27th. If you have a pastoral need, please call our church office **(215) 946-3467** or Elder Rich Gruenhagen at: **(215) 444-6126**. The elders stand ready to assist.

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ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES:

The season of Advent helps prepare us for the celebration of Christmas. Join us Wednesdays at 7pm starting December 2nd for a 45 minute service including hymns, devotion and Holy Communion. Can't make it Sunday? Come Wednesday and be blessed.



Bless a Soldier with your excess/leftover/ or specially purchased **non-chocolate candy**. Join us as we collect candy to gift to **A Soldier's Hand...** please **NO** chocolate—it melts. Bring your donations **ANYTIME** and place it in the labeled box in the narthex. A little FYI: every care package they send contains spf 50 hand cream, spf 15 lip balm, candy and a handwritten note. **Our January Chapel offerings are given in support of A Soldier's Hand, as well. Thanks for helping!**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO & PODCAST

Lower Bucks County airs Sunday mornings at 7am -97.1

(Bensalem), 107.3 (Phila.), 91.7 (Levittown) 91.9 (Lawrenceville, NJ) at 12 p.m. (Sunday noon) and 6 p.m. (Tuesdays). To access the Daily Devotions OR have the Podcast sent directly to your mobile device, head over to:
www.lhm.org/dailydevotions

MISSED A SUNDAY?

Sermon audio files are available on Hope's website at: www.hopeLCS.org—> **Click Church**—> **Then Click Worship** —> **Then Click Sermons**. The entire worship service can also be seen by going to Youtube.com and searching for "**Hope Lutheran Levittown**" or by going to Hope's website (shown above) and clicking on the link in the second opening slide or by **Clicking Church**—> **Then Click News**.

Words of Hope - Weekly Announcements



Office hours this week: Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
215-946-3467 info@hopelcs.org

Bible Studies at Hope:

No prior experience with any bibles studies is expected. New friends are always welcome

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.- Seven Letters to the Churches in Revelation, taught by Pastor Neagley.

Sundays 7pm via Zoom- Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi – Return to the Lord, taught by Pastor Rich Mokry: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84090410661?pwd=emxKMTRpUEZ6dTJkWXliRTk2dEpaQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 9041 0661

Password: 2YS6bk

Wednesdays 6:30 pm via Zoom- Women's Study of the book of Ephesians. Contact Julia Hutchins at 215-741-2685 or jhutchins@hopelcs.org.

Meeting ID is 891 2812 0133 **Password** is 990272.



THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

We will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items for families in the congregation/school from Sunday, November 1st to Thursday, November 19th. There is a table set up in the narthex and school lobby.

A Word from our President...

Hope is in need of someone to take charge of putting up and decorating the Christmas tree for the coming season. Decorations stored in the “hangar” (2nd floor, entered from the Activity Center) will be available for use. In addition, there are two manger scenes to be displayed. We are looking to have this done Thanksgiving weekend or as soon thereafter as possible. If you are interested in helping with either or both of these, please contact Tom Jeske at thomas.jeske.6@gmail.com or at 215-630-5517.



Face Masks Needed:

We are thankful to members and friends who can make face masks for us. They have been a big help to people who have forgotten their own. We are in need again of face masks. You can be reimbursed for materials. Questions? Elder Rich Gruenhagen at 215-444-6126

What's Happening at Hope...

Sunday School Update: The Start of Sunday School for children is tentatively scheduled for beginning of Spring. We desire a safe and healthy learning experience for our kids. Look out for updates. See **Karen Barton** or **Pastor Rich** for information.

Nursery Care : We are un-staffed at the moment. If you know of someone interested in the position, contact **Beth Marks** or **Pastor Rich**. The Nursery is located in the Conference Room, #102. Parents are asked to bring and leave with your own toys. Soft Activity bags are located in the Gymnasium Bible rack.

Heartfelt Giving

Heartfelt Giving is a unique online shopping and travel website that gives income dollars back to Hope. Go to Hope's website (hopelcs.org), click the Church tab, then click the Giving tab (far right), and from the dropdown box select Giving Through Shopping. Then, click on the HeartFeltGiving.net/ HopeLutheranChurch link. Afterwards, simply click on the business where you like to shop. You will see a variety of online shopping categories such as Travel and Name Brand Stores with stores which include: Best Buy, Boscovs, Dollar General, JCPenney, Kohls, Macy's and many more. Questions? Contact **Marge Gruenhagen** at 267-987-9480 or margeg8577@gmail.com

Communion Assistants and Altar Guild Assistants needed:

This is a service to God and His people here at Hope. Communion Assistants help distribute the communion elements. Altar Guild member prepare and clean the communion trays and set up the altar. Men and women are needed for both, but you can do one or the other. Training will be provided and you can serve on a rotating basis along with others.

Interested? Call **Glenn Holmes** at 215-932-9754

or email holmesgbman@gmail.com

online GIVING **SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM by THRIVENT**

Information available in the narthex. Questions?
Contact Tom Marks 215-757-1702 or Kristina Hoffman 215-946-3467