



Dear Friends at Hope,

*And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him, and they said to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do them?" (Mark 11:27 & 28)*

The religious leaders asked Jesus by what authority he dares to challenge the established practices of the temple. They didn't know it yet, but Jesus was teaching them that He would be the new temple. He would be the new way people would find forgiveness for their sins.

Jesus willingly took the path that led Him to the cross. His body would be offered up for the sins of all who look to him in faith. After Jesus rose from the dead he commanded his disciples to make disciples of all people. Those who belong to Him make up the body of Christ--the new temple--the church.

As we come nearer to Easter on April 4, join our Lord and gather among His people to worship midweek and Sundays. Let's trace His path of love and sacrifice.

Lenten blessings to you,

*Pastor Rich*

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP IS AT 8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM.** A **SURVEY** was distributed by email to ensure we have plenty of safe seating. Please let us know how many from your family plans to attend. Let's worship at Easter and invite our friends.

**9:30 AM NEW WORSHIP TIME:** We are excited about offering our new 9:30 am worship time, and pray it will be a blessing for more people to worship. At the end of May we will reassess our time(s) and ask for your input with surveys. Please note: Some have commented they do not receive our emails or surveys. First, check your spam folder to see if they are there. If you find it, add "Hope Lutheran Church" to your contact list with the email: [info@hopelcs.org](mailto:info@hopelcs.org). Last, call our church office to make sure you get added to our email list. You should already be receiving a weekly email.

**SAFE WORSHIP PRACTICES:** To facilitate a healthy and inviting environment at worship, we encourage all people to wear masks upon entering the church and to maintain social distance with others. Sanitizing stations are available at our entrances and at the entrance to our worship area. Details are printed in the Sunday bulletin and on our website [www.hopelcs.org](http://www.hopelcs.org). We recognize these procedures are an inconvenience, but we are grateful to hear God's Word, receive Holy Communion and to be considerate and loving towards other worshippers. Your health is important to us. We understand if you choose to delay your return to worship with us physically. You are welcome to worship online.

**WORSHIP LIVESTREAM** Thanks to our volunteers, livestream worship is available. Go to our website [www.hopelcs.org/church](http://www.hopelcs.org/church) and worship with us in two ways: Facebook users use the link in the opening slide for the livestream service at 9:30 am on Facebook. Others may use the other link in the slide to view this Sunday's service at 11 am on YouTube. Both of these links are also available on the "News" page of the church website. Thank you, Volunteers!

**DISCIPLESHIP 101:** an invitation to learn and follow Jesus Christ. Explore the basics of the Christian faith and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Topics include: The Salvation Plan, Baptism and Holy Communion, Prayer, the Bible and Sharing Your Faith. Those interested in First Communion, Adult Confirmation and Membership at Hope are welcome to attend. The seven-session class begins Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45 am. Indicate on the Fellowship Registration, "Discipleship 101."

**HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?** We are offering Holy Communion weekly at each worship service. If you cannot attend worship, please call the church office (215-946-3467) to schedule a time to receive it here at church, privately, or at your home. Pastor Rich is very happy to share this faith strengthening gift with you.

**USHERS AND GREETERS ARE NEEDED** to give a warm welcome people on Easter Sunday. If you can volunteer, please state "Greeter" or "Usher" on your Fellowship Registration and indicate either 8:30 am or 10:30 am. You can also call the church office at 215-946-3467. Thank you.

## Easter Tulip Dedication Form

Would you like to dedicate a tulip for the Altar on Easter?  
The cost is \$10 each. **Orders due by Monday, March 15th.**  
Please fill out the dedication form, include your cash  
or check (made payable to Hope Lutheran Church)  
and place in the offering plate or give to office staff.

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # \_\_\_\_\_ ordered x \$10 = Total due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PALM SUNDAY:** Palms and “Portals of Prayer” booklets will be set outside on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 am for those unable to attend Palm Sunday worship. Palms and booklets will be at the Glass Door entrance.

***“Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.” Mark 11:8***

On Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, as was done during the original Triumphal Entry, the congregation will have the opportunity to spread their donation of coats and jackets at the altar at the beginning of the service. Coats/jackets may also be purchased at local thrift stores at reasonable prices, if you prefer to purchase one for donation. The coats will be donated to the Orphan Grain Train during our spring collection. If you have any questions, please contact **Marjie Rodkey** at [errsmar@verizon.net](mailto:errsmar@verizon.net)

**Bible Studies at Hope:** No prior experience is expected for any of our Bible studies. New friends are always welcome.

- Sundays at 10:45 am, in room 109, the book of Revelation, taught by Pastor Neagley.
- Sundays 7 pm by Zoom: Thessalonians, taught by Pastor Rich Mokry.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84090410661?pwd=emxKMTRpUEZ6dTJkWXliRTk2dEpaQT09>  
Meeting ID: 840 9041 0661 Password: 2YS6bk  
[Click here for Bible Study notes attachment.](#)
- Wednesdays Women’s Bible Study will resume on April 7<sup>th</sup>

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the narthex. Stop by during office hours or Sundays to pick yours up.

**WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU.** You can call Pastor Rich (215-584-1262), our church office (215-946-3467), or email us at [prayerchain@hopelcs.org](mailto:prayerchain@hopelcs.org). We have a team of people who are committed to bring your petitions and requests before our Lord.

#### **FROM OUR FINANCIAL OFFICE**

Your regular offerings help us greatly to continue our ongoing ministry at Hope.

- Mail your offerings to Hope Lutheran Church, 2600 Haines Road, Levittown, PA 19055.
- Visit our Website at <https://hopelcs.org/giving/online-giving>.
- Use Bill Pay options with your local bank for one-time or recurring offerings. They pay the postage.

## THIS WEEK AT HOPE

The full church calendar may be found on the web at [www.HopeLCS.org](http://www.HopeLCS.org)

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 am	<b>Worship: In person &amp; Livestream</b>	Sanctuary Website
	10:45 am	<b>Bible Study: Revelation</b>	Room 109
	11:45 am	<b>AA at Hope</b>	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	<b>Bible Study: Thessalonians</b>	Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	<b>Lenten Service</b>	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday</b>	3:45 pm	<b>Confirmation</b>	Room 102
	7:00 pm	<b>Celebrate Recovery</b>	Room 109
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	<b>Property Work Day</b>	Lobby
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