



Dear Friends at Hope,

And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize Him and lead Him away under guard." And when he came, he went up to Him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed Him. (Mark 14:43-45)

These days of Lent bring us closer to the betrayal, arrest, trials, and sufferings of Jesus. We are reminded once again of the great love Jesus demonstrated to those who betrayed him... and to us. Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss, a false sign of affection. Our sins remind us of our betrayal, too. Thank God, we have a place of affection in God's heart because of Jesus.

Join us in worship as we gather among God's people on Wednesday night and this Palm Sunday. 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. Let's worship at Easter and invite our friends.

EASTER BREAKFAST will be returning this year. Located in the Dufendach Center, breakfast will be served from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Come fellowship with us...

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. 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. 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 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 4:00 pm on YouTube. Both of these links are also available on the "News" page of the church website. Thank you, Volunteers!

PALM SUNDAY: Palms and "Portals of Prayer" booklets will be set outside on Palm Sunday, March 28th 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 28th, 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

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.

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 18th, at 10:45 am. Indicate on the Fellowship Registration, "Discipleship 101."

SOFTBALL...Hope will once again be playing men's softball in the Christian Fellowship Softball League. All men ages 16 and up are welcome to play. If you are interested in playing you can contact **Curt Fuller** at **267-580-0129** or email him at **RNMICN1@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 7th.

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. 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

Sunday	9:30 am	Worship In-Person + Live Stream	Sanctuary
	10:45 am	Bible Study: Revelation	Room 109
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	Bible Study: Thessalonians	Zoom
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Call Committee: DCE	Narthex

Wednesday	7:00 pm	Lenten Service	Sanctuary
	7:45 pm	New Generation Meeting	Narthex
Thursday	3:45 pm	Confirmation	Room 102
	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery	Room 109
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