



Dear Friends at Hope,

This Sunday, the 28th, we celebrate Palm Sunday, the day Jesus entered Jerusalem with shouts of joy hailing him King of the Jews. This coming week everyone would also reject Jesus. We call this Holy Week, a time we trace the steps of Jesus: his teaching, the cleansing of the temple, the Passover, the Last Supper, His betrayal and arrest, trails, crucifixion and His death.

You can join Jesus this Holy Week in prayer at home and at worship at Hope. There will no Wednesday worship service, but we will meet on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7:00pm.

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord next Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30. Note these are special service times. We are Easter people. Jesus went all the way to the cross that by faith we will rise again to eternal life. What an awesome God we have.

Lenten blessings to you,

Pastor Rich

**PALM SUNDAY:** On Palm Sunday, palms and “Portals of Prayer” booklets will be set outside the glass door entrance at 11 am for those unable to attend Palm Sunday worship.

***“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)

**BAPTIZED:** We praise God today as Marc Marley and daughter, Melody Rose Marely are baptized on March 28<sup>th</sup> in name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Melody is child of Marc and Megan (Dunn) Marley. Godparents are Tina and Christopher Milas. May the Lord bless you and keep you and use you to shine for Him.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** We rejoice with Austin Wolcott- Wind who is receiving First Communion on Palm Sunday. May the Lord's body and blood strengthen you in faith and service to our Lord until the day He comes in glory.

**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 served in the Dufendach Center 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Come fellowship with us...

**9:30 AM NEW WORSHIP TIME (after Easter Day):** 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 4:00 pm on YouTube. Both of these links are also available on the "News" page of the church website. Thank you, Volunteers!

**SAYING FAREWELL:** Please join us on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, following worship for a reception as we say farewell and extend God's blessing to Mark Shockey and his family. Mark has served us faithfully for nearly 10 years as our organist, choir and music leader. Please join us.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 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 + Live Stream</b>	Sanctuary
	10:45 am	<b>Bible Study: Revelation</b>	Room 109
	10:45am	<b>Livestream Meeting</b>	Room 102
	11:45 am	<b>AA at Hope</b>	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	<b>Bible Study: Thessalonians</b>	Zoom
<b>Thursday</b>	3:45pm	<b>Confirmation</b>	Room 102
	7:00 pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	<b>Celebrate Recovery</b>	Room 109
<b>Friday</b>	7:00pm	<b>Good Friday Tenebrae Service</b>	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 am 10:30am	<b>Easter Worship In-Person + Live Stream</b>	Sanctuary
	9:00am- 10:30am	<b>Easter Breakfast</b>	Dufendach Center
	11:45 am	<b>AA at Hope</b>	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	<b>Bible Study: Thessalonians</b>	Zoom