



Dear Friends at Hope,

*But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen..." Luke 24: 1-6a*

Have you ever wondered who put Jesus on the cross? It wasn't Judas or Pilate. It was God. This was God's plan from the beginning. It's the reason Jesus came to earth. But the other answer is us. We put Jesus on the cross because we are sinners.

Because Jesus died on the cross and rose on Easter, our sins are forgiven and heaven is now open to all who believe. That's what Easter is all about. You are forgiven. Jesus died for you. You live with hope and you have a hope-filled future.

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

**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.

**NEW: WORSHIP LIVESTREAM** Thanks to our volunteers our worship technology is improving. On Easter Sunday you can worship livestream at **10:30 am** or view at a later time. Go to Hope's website by clicking this link <https://www.hopelcs.org/worship-livestream> to worship livestream or go to YouTube.com and search "Hope Lutheran Church Levittown PA" to view later.

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Bill Marks and family upon the death of Virginia "Ginny" who went to be with the Lord March 26<sup>th</sup>. Visitation with the family will take place at Hope on Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm with a Christian funeral immediately following. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church. Condolences may be sent to: Bill Marks 55 Kindle Lane Levittown, PA 19055.

**9:30 AM NEW WORSHIP TIME (but Not on 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.

**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.

**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 (class resumes April 18), taught by Pastor Neagley.

Sundays 7 pm by Zoom: Thessalonians, taught by Pastor Rich Mokry (class resumes April 11).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84090410661?pwd=emxKMTRpUEZ6dTJkWXliRTk2dEpaQT09> Meeting ID: 840 9041 0661 Password: 2YS6bk [Click here for Bible Study notes attachment.](#)

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm on Zoom: the Women's Bible Study resumes their study of Galatians this coming Wednesday, 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>	8:30 am	<b>Easter Worship in Person</b>	Sanctuary
	9:00 am –	<b>Easter Breakfast</b>	Dufendach Center
	10:30 am		
	10:30 am	<b>Easter Worship in Person and Livestream</b>	Sanctuary Website
	11:45 am	<b>AA at Hope</b>	Dufendach Center
<b>Monday</b>	11:30 am	<b>Visitation for Ginny Marks</b>	Sanctuary
	12:30 pm	<b>Funeral for Ginny Marks</b>	Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 pm	<b>Day School Board</b>	Narthex
	7:30 pm	<b>Call Committee: Youth Worker</b>	Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	Zoom
	7:00 pm	<b>Elders Meeting</b>	Room 102

**Thursday**

3:45 pm  
7:00 pm

**Confirmation**  
**Celebrate Recovery**

Room 102  
Room 109

**Sunday**

9:30 am  
10:45 am  
11:45 am  
7:00 pm

**Worship: In Person and  
Livestream**  
**Shockey Family Reception**  
**AA at Hope**  
**Bible Study: Thessalonians**

Sanctuary  
Website  
Dufendach Center  
Dufendach Center  
Zoom