

ANCHOR LINES

Hope Lutheran Church Selden, New York

Palm Sunday March 25-26, 2021

Welcome to our Celebration!

We welcome all who join us for worship today. Some of you are “regular” worshippers and members of Hope. Some are “returnees” who are home for the holiday or visiting with members of Hope. Some of you are visitors with us for the very first time, perhaps even new to our community and seeking a church “home.” We welcome you all and thank God for your presence among us. Our church is here to share the good news of God’s reign among us, and we want to be faithful to God’s mission by inviting you to enter into a closer, growing relationship with the one who forgives our sins and reaches out to make us his own. Let us know how we can assist you in your spiritual journey.

HOLY WEEK AT HOPE

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Devotionals at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

9 a.m. All-Day Prayer Vigil

The church is open all day for personal devotions.
Please observe the CDC physical distancing recommendations
when non-family members are present.

3 p.m. The Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

The Great Vigil of Easter at 7 p.m.

HAPPY EASTER

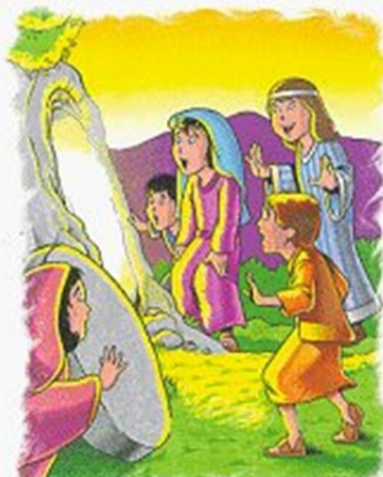
Festival Services of Holy Communion

at 8:00, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS DURING THE EASTER SEASON

The Easter Miracle

Through the Eyes of the Children



Children’s Musical

Saturday Evening April 17th at 5 p.m.

ADULT VIDEO BIBLE STUDY GROUP STARTS APRIL 13

Explore the Ten Commandments with Adam Hamilton as he teaches from locations in Egypt and The Nelson-Atkins Museum. Each video sessions is about 10 minutes in length with group conversation following, led by Linda Hill

Words of Life

Jesus and the
Promise of the Ten
Commandments
Today

Adam Hamilton
Bestselling author of Making Sense of the Bible

“THE THREE DAYS” – Maundy Thursday– The “New Commandment” Day

The first of the Three Days at the heart of Holy Week is Maundy Thursday. The name comes from the New Commandment Jesus gave to his disciples, that they love one another as he loved them.

On this evening Jesus gathered with his disciples to share a holy meal, but before they ate, he surprised them by taking on the role of a servant by washing the feet of each man.

Normally we would confess our sins together and would receive individual absolution, but this year we will be following our Lenten theme as a basis for our worship.

After the Word is proclaimed, we will share the Lord’s Supper by using single wafers and the pre-filled wine chalices. Chalices with grape juice is also available for those who prefer to not drink the wine.



As we leave the service in silence, we will pause to reflect on how we can personally live out our Lord’s new commandment, seeking God’s strength to keep it in our own lives daily.

We worship at 12 noon and at 7:00 p.m.

“THE THREE DAYS” – Good Friday – No Greater Love than this

The most solemn of the three days is Good Friday, the day our Lord laid down his life for us and for the world.

The church building opens up at 9 a.m. for a day-long Solemn Vigil. Throughout the day people may come to spend time in prayer and reflection on the suffering and death of Jesus. Parents are encouraged to bring their children with them.

Normally we would have had a few services on this day, but this year we have planned Devotional Services at noon and 7 p.m. only.

At 3 p.m. we will again observe the **Stations of the Cross** using a traditional format to guide our prayers as we recall our Lord’s painful journey to Golgotha, his death, and his burial. This lay-led devotional exercise is usually done outdoors.

The Stations of the Cross

Centuries ago when people returned from their pilgrimages to the Holy Land, they would tell others about their devotional journey of retracing the steps of Jesus on the way to the cross.

To enable others to share in a similar experience, they created a liturgy and 14 prayer “stations” at their churches focusing on the biblical story for people to use.

“THE THREE DAYS” – Holy Saturday – Reaffirming our Baptism

The only service we have on Holy Saturday begins outdoors at dusk (7:00 p.m.).

We normally begin by lighting the New Fire and entering the darkened church with lit candles. This year we have a special video version of the readings, so we will begin indoors instead.

We will hear the re-telling of some of the Mighty Acts of God as recorded in the Holy Scriptures by the members of our various Peconic Conference churches.



Following the readings, we reaffirm our baptism as part of the video event.

The climax of this celebration is the return of the Alleluias as we hear the Word proclaimed once more at our first Easter celebration.

We encourage families to join us for this unforgettable worship experience on the night before Easter Sunday.

HOPE'S DISCIPLING ACTIVITIES

Our Anchor Nursery School has already begun receiving enrollments for this fall's term. The program is currently offered three days each week, every Tuesday through Thursday, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. following the Middle Country School District calendar.

The program is open to all children ages 33 months and older. You can obtain an enrollment packet at the church or by calling the church.

Camp Hope's Summer Programs planning is underway for this summer's Camp Hope. Our Anchor Nursery School Head Teacher, Connie Casa, and her assistant Maria Marques are already planning five weeks of full-day (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) camp programming around weekly themes:

Dinosaur Digs (July 5-9)

Come take a journey millions of years ago to a period in time where dinosaurs ruled the earth. Studying dinosaurs is a great way to encourage children to use their observation skills. We will learn about and explore the world of dinosaurs through storytime, interactive games, prehistoric crafts and music.

Pirate Adventures (July 12-16)

Ahoy mateys! Come set sail aboard our pirate ship and search for sunken treasure with us. Pirate week is a fun way to incorporate all kinds of activities to keep the children active and engaged. With scavenger and treasure hunts, walking and talking like pirates, fun and creative crafts, and some children may even walk the plank!

"Out of this World" Space Exploration. (July 19-23)

Let's all board the rocket to infinity and beyond and learn all about the moon, stars and planets. Our spaced themed crafts, activities, games and science projects will keep the children active and involved from the time we take off until the time we set back down.

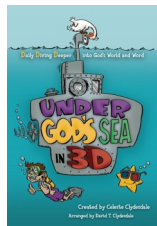
TEAM UP! Super Hero Week. (July 26-30)

Campers will become "Superheroes In training" for the week. We will be using our superpowers to explore new activities, friendships and games. Our mantra will be to "stay strong and courageous" in everything we do.

Ready, Set, Go !!! Olympic Week. (August 2-6)

We will carry the torch representing the beginning of camp olympics. Each day the children will compete in real or made up games. Each team will design their own flags from their made up countries they are representing. Will your camper win the gold, silver or bronze!

Vacation Bible School (August 9-13) Led by Melissa Itara. From a whimsical lighthouse on an enchanted island, Explorers are guided by a Lighthouse Keeper and Beacon the Puffin on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way. Using map coordinates from their Reference Book (the Bible), children discover clues to finding each Lantern while learning how God's light shines in the lives of familiar biblical characters in Old and New Testament stories.



Drama Camp (August 16-20)

Our one week Drama Camp directed by Joyce Stahl will be a full-day activity also, culminating in a production on Friday evening. Dive into this release from best-selling children's music creator Celeste Clydesdale! Join Jonas Joppa and the rest of the God Squad from Alleluia Aquatic Academy as they venture out in a submarine to learn more about God through His underwater world. Children create costumes and scenery. They also have fun with outdoor summer activities.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Monday 7 p.m.

Grace Notes rehearsal

Tuesday Video Study 1 pm

Wednesday 11 a.m.

Easter play rehearsal

No kids club this week

Thursday

10:30 am Bible Study

Noon Service

2 pm One in the Word

7 pm Service

Friday

Noon Service

3 pm Stations of the Cross

7 pm Service

Saturday

7 pm Service

PLEASE do not bring bottles and cans for Teen Ministry.

Appointments for the Moderna Vaccine are now available from

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HOPE'S ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 16TH

12:30 p.m.

All children ages 3 and older are invited to participate in the programs we offer. If you want more information about any of these programs, you can obtain a brochure by sending email to

PROCESSIONAL GATHERING AND THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

PROCESSIONAL GATHERING

The assembly gathers outside so that all may enter the church in a procession. Palm branches are distributed before the service begins. The presiding minister begins with singing, repeated by the assembly (repeated one or more times):

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.
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Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
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PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark. . .
Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethpage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. "If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept.*

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

(We lift up the branches we are holding)

Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROCESSION *The assisting minister addresses the assembly.*

Let us go forth in peace,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The assembly follows the ministers into the church singing
"All glory, laud, and honor" (#344)

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. **Refrain**

The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went. Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. **Refrain**

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **Refrain**

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king. **Refrain**

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