

New Hope Lutheran Church
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
October 1, 2023



*For every one who exalts himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*

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**NEW HOPE IS A CONGREGATION GATHERED AROUND CHRIST
WE RECEIVE HIS FORGIVENESS IN WORD AND SACRAMENT;
WE PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED AND RISEN;
WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS**

Wel come to New Hope Lutheran Church

We're glad you've joined us as we gather to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation! As you prepare for the Divine Service, you are invited to pray the prayers inside the front cover of your hymnal and read the communion statement on page 8.

A Note on the Hymns and Liturgy: *All hymns are sung by the congregation (unless otherwise indicated). The music and text for the hymns can be found below and in your pew hymnal. **Large print bulletins and hymnals are available in the narthex outside the double doors of the sanctuary.***

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:6–14

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence
or stand in the place of the great,

⁷for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,

for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?

⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another’s secret,

¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

¹¹A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.

¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his masters.

¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Sermon

Stand
Offertory

LSB 192



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering (*Offerings placed in the plates at the sanctuary doors will be carried forward at this time. Plates will still be available near the sanctuary doors for those who wish to offer their gifts to the Lord following the service.*)

Prayer of the Church (*After every "...let us pray to the Lord," the Congregation responds, "Lord, have mercy."*)

Service of the Sacrament

God's Word states that in the Lord's Supper Jesus offers His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28), that partaking of this Supper together is a confession of our unity in faith (1 Cor. 10:16-17) and that the body and blood of Jesus can be received to one's harm (1 Cor. 11:27-32). Out of love for those who commune, New Hope Lutheran Church communes only those who

1. Have been taught and examined in the Christian faith,
2. Confess their sins and trust in Christ for forgiveness,
3. Have made a public confession of their agreement with us in this one Scriptural faith through membership in this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
4. Have spoken with the pastor regarding communion prior to the service.

If you are not a communicant member of New Hope or another LCMS congregation, you are invited to come up for a blessing; please cross your arms during the distribution.

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



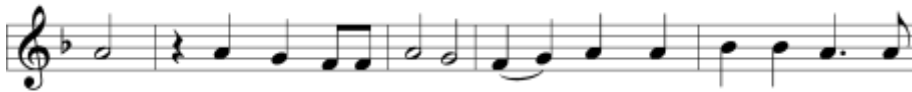
A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution Hymns: 630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

954 We All Believe in One True God

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Stand
Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good

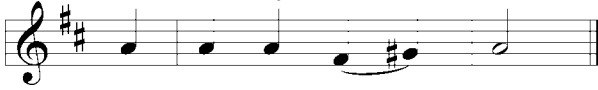
B and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God...one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart: 644 The Church's One Foundation



New Hope News and Notes



September 24, 2023 Stewardship

Giving: General Fund: \$2,323 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,966)

Mortgage: \$400 (Remaining Debt: \$14,494)

Sunday Attendance: 54 (Divine Service). Bible Study/Sunday School: 22

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 1

Bible Study/Sunday School, 8:45 am

Divine Service, 10:00 am

Catechesis, 11:30 am

Wednesday, October 4

Bible Study, 7:30 am (Wells Co. Courthouse)
Adult Catechesis, 8:15 am
Bible Study, 7 pm

Sunday, October 8

Bible Study/Sunday School, 8:45 am
Divine Service, 10:00 am
Catechesis, 11:30 am
Service at Ossian Health Care, 1 pm

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Birthdays: Alice Bauermeister – Oct. 1; Abigail and Gabrielle Schlemmer – Oct. 2; Janet Maxwell – Oct. 6.

Anniversaries: Erik and Melissa Schlemmer – Oct. 7.

Military: Denver Burkley (grandson of Joey Septer), Ethan Bearman (cousin of Randy Buuck), Grayson Smith (brother of Graham Smith).

Members and catechumens of our congregation: Marilyn Kimmel, Leona Meyer, Nancy Small, Marjorie Johnson, Don Milholland, Janet Fuller, John Hartup, Carol Schumacher, Chris Alfeld, Bryce Bowman, David Hoopengardner, John Peck, Kim Steckbeck, Dara Phillips.

Friends and family of the members of our congregation: Susan Gaines; Alice Jacobs; Makenzie Webb (granddaughter of Carol Schumacher); Robin Graham (friend of Randy and Diana Buuck); Don Hockemeyer (friend of Dara Phillips); Lynne Kuzeff (sister-in-law of Jeani Klaus); Charles Brown (brother of Sue Hansen); Joanna Daniel (Niece of John and Karen Peck); Linda Strait (friend of Diane Garrett); Karen Gerbers (friend of Jeani Klaus); Casey, Jerry, and Shirley (niece, brother, and friend of Janet Speed); Lucas Rielsh (nephew of Bonnie Brandewie); Molly Mischler (friend of Sue Hansen); Peg Buuck; Donald Hoopengardner (brother of David Hoopengardner); Cory and Abby (nephew and niece of Kim Steckbeck), Diana Showalter (cousin of Lea Ann Johnson); Tonya; Tom Bailey (father of Lori Bauermeister).

LIFE THOUGHT – Trinity XVII – In Christ God embraced and befriended hearts and bodies ruined by sin. He allowed neither disabilities nor disobedience to separate anyone from His love (Luke 14:1-4). This forgiveness heals us to share the same gracious kingdom with the ones right in front of us who struggle with impairment and iniquity (Luke 14:12-14). *Prayer: Extend Your kingdom, Lord Jesus, through me to those who are broken like I am. Amen.– A Life Thought from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.”*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT – Trinity XVII

Luke 14:11 – “**For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.**” The kingdom of God is always upside down and backwards like this. We must die in order to live. We must be humbled so we can be exalted. It’s like this with giving

as well. When we give away, then we receive much more than we bargained for: peace of mind, contentment, joy.

A LUTHERAN VIEW OF DEPRESSION... You can listen to the new audiobook, "I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression" by Pastor Todd Peperkorn. Go to issuesetc.org, enter your email address, and you'll receive a link to "I Trust When Dark My Road." This new audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio based in Collinsville, IL. LPR produces radio talk shows, podcasts, and 24/7 sacred music and talk stations.

LISTEN TO BIBLE STUDY BY PHONE... Are you unable to access on-demand audio using a smart phone, personal computer or tablet? Thanks to [Dial-a-Podcast](#) you can now listen on your phone to Pastor Weedon's daily 15-minute Bible study, The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. Simply dial (618) 262-0078.

LAW & GOSPEL SERIES... What does St. Paul mean when he writes about "rightly handling the word of truth?" Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, has an in-depth series with Pr. Will Weedon based on "The Proper Distinction Between Law & Gospel" by C.F.W. Walther. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at issuesetc.org/lawandgospel.

PRAYER REQUEST/ANNOUNCEMENT COMMUNICATION – We have a new way to communicate regarding updates and prayer requests. On the table outside the sanctuary double doors, you will find two trays; one tray has forms and envelope for prayer requests/updates and the other has forms and an envelope for bulletin/newsletter/website updates and announcements.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED to teach Bible stories and review memory work from 8:45 to 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. Please sign up in the gym.

OCT. 9 DONATION DAY DONATIONS DUE – If you would like to support Concordia Theological Seminary students with gifts of gently used clothing or canned goods, please leave them in the hallway outside the church office by October 9.

OCT. 11 – "WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?" CLASS BEGINS - In the Bible, God gives us answers to life's most important questions. This class will offer a defense of the Bible and Christian faith, address common misconceptions about the Bible, and lay out what the Bible says about various topics. This class is for anyone interested in asking questions about the content of God's Word. Please join us on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm beginning October 11 and invite a friend!

OCT. 14 - LWML FALL RALLY at Zion Lutheran (Friedheim), 10653 N 550 W, Decatur. 8:30 AM registration. Speaker: Pastor Michael Wakeland-head Chaplain at Lutheran Life Villages. Lunch served with free-will offering for mites. All are welcome!

OCT. 19-20 - RUMMAGE SALE - Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Soest), 9909 Wayne Trace, Fort Wayne, will be having their Fall Rummage & Bake Sale on Thursday, October 19th, from 8am-4pm and on Friday, October 20th, from 8am-noon. Bag Sale will be on Friday, 1 paper grocery bag for \$2, or 1 13 gal. garbage bag for \$5.

OCT 21 - TRUNK OR TREAT 4-6 pm - Bethlehem Lutheran Church and New Hope Lutheran Church will be hosting a “Trunk or Treat” event together in the New Hope parking lot (rain location in the gym). If you are interested in hosting a trunk, there are forms in the narthex. A prize will be given out to the best decorated trunk (no scary/evil decorations - please remember our Christian witness). This is a FREE event, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Deaconess Wendy Boehm for more information 260-415-8526 or wboehm@bethsossian.org. Hope to see you there!

OCT. 21, 3:00 pm– DARTS TOURNAMENT AND FUNDRAISER for Redeemer Classical School at Redeemer Lutheran Church (202 W. Rudisill Blvd. Ft. Wayne). The tournament will be a blind draw round-robin Cricket tournament, with an adult division and an under 14 division. Beginners and experienced players are welcome! Admission for players will be \$15 (includes entry into the tournament, a ticket for a beer or root beer, snacks, one raffle ticket, and lots of good company!). Non-players are admitted for free. Hot dogs will be available for purchase. A raffle will take place at approximately 5:30 pm (must be present to win). Businesses are invited to sponsor a dart board or donate raffle items. For more information, please call Jane Casey at (260) 744-2585 or secretary.redeemer@gmail.com.

NOV. 4, 5:30 pm SILENT AUCTION & GALA at The Lighted Gardens in Ossian! Adventure awaits as you travel with us for a night of fun...all while raising money for Bethlehem Lutheran School in Ossian! Doors open and the Silent Auction begins at 5:30pm, dinner will be served at 6:30pm, and comedian Glen Tickle will be performing at 7:45pm. Tickets are \$60 individual, \$110 couple, or \$440 table of 8. Purchase your tickets by October 8th and your name will go into a drawing for a chance to win \$100 to spend at the auction! The last day to purchase tickets is October 22. For more information and tickets contact Jennifer Bultemeier 419-230-8068, Melissa Price 260-433-5307, or call the school office 260-597-7366.

SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:

October 1

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend
Fieldworker: Samuel Bohnet
Organist: Amy Schueler
Elder: Tony Bauermeister
Altar Guild: Melissa Schlemmer
Coffee Hour:
Sound: Randy Buuck
Ushers: Tony B. and Anthony B.
Greeters: Tina B. and Graham Smith

October 8 - *Lord willing*

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend
Fieldworker: Samuel Bohnet
Organist: Amy Schueler
Elder: Terry Bauermeister
Altar Guild: Tina B. and Denise B.
Coffee Hour:
Sound: Erik Schlemmer
Ushers: Terry and Nathan Bauermeister
Greeters: Randy and Diana Buuck

From Martin Luther's Sermon for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Luke 14:1-11

1. This Gospel offers us two leading thoughts; one is general and is found in all our Gospel lessons, the other is peculiar to this one. First, in its general character, it shows who the Lord Jesus is and what we may expect of Him, and in this is exhibited both faith and love.

2. Faith is here set forth in that this man, sick with the dropsy, looks to Christ and firmly believes He will help him. This faith he had as the result of his previous acquaintance with Jesus. He knows Him as a kind, friendly and sympathetic man who always helps everyone and lets none go away uncomforted. Had he not heard such reports about the Lord he would not have followed Him, even into the house. He must indeed have had some Gospel knowledge and believed the wonderful things spoken about Him.

3. And this is the Gospel, as I said, that must be preached and heard before there can be faith. We must know that God is kindly disposed toward us and has sent His Son from heaven to help us. This the conscience must hear and believe; for if God were unfriendly and unmerciful toward us, it would avail little to know that all His creatures sympathize with us. If God is satisfied with us, no creature can do us any harm, as St. Paul says in Rom. 8:31: "If God is for us, who is against us?" Let death, devil, hell and all creation rage; we are safe. Therefore it is the Gospel that must present to us the God-man as merciful. This is the fountain from which our heart can draw faith and a friendly confidence toward God – that He will help both the dying and the living in every distress.

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