

New Hope Lutheran Church  
The Second Sunday in Lent  
Reminiscere  
March 5, 2023



*Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.  
- Matthew 15:22*

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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!

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

## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

**Hymn of Invocation: 773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray**

*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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

**Introit** (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

*Psalm 25:1–2a, 7–8, 11; antiphon: vv. 6, 2b, 22*



Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.

**Let not my enemies exult | over me.\***

**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.**

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.\*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\***

**according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!**

Good and upright | is the LORD;\*

therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

**For your name's sake, | O LORD,\***

**pardon my guilt, for | it is great.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*

for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.\*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

*Genesis 32:22–32*

<sup>22</sup>The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup>The

sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

*Psalm 25:17–18*



The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;\*  
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.**

**Epistle**

*Romans 5:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse (Lent)**

*LSB 157*



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in



stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

## Hymn of the Day: 615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

### Sermon

**Prayer of the Church** (*Please turn in your hymnals to page 288 to pray the Litany*)

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

### Offertory

LSB 159



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# 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 prior to the service regarding communion.*

*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 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, 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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

## The Words of Our Lord

## Pax Domini

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymns: 453 Upon the Cross Extended**

**555 Salvation unto Us Has Come**

**647 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head**

**658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 165*

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-  
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

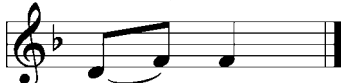


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

### Benediction

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

### Hymn to Depart: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



# New Hope News and Notes



## February 22-26 Stewardship

Attendance: Divine Service: 65; Bible Study/Sunday School: 23  
 Giving: General Fund: \$5,197 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,966)  
 Mortgage: \$63 (Remaining Debt: \$38,191)

## Upcoming Events

Today, March 5	New Testament Class, Conf. Room, 11:30 am Service at Ossian Health Care, 1 pm
Wednesday, March 8	Lent Supper, 6 pm <b>Lent Evening Prayer Service</b> , 7 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room, 8 pm
Thursday, March 9	Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
Friday, March 10	Mary Martha Meeting, 10 am
Sunday, March 12	Prayer and Anointing for Healing/Rite of Private Confession and Absolution, Pastor's Study, 8:15 Bible Study/Sunday School, 8:45 am <b>Divine Service, 10 am</b> New Testament Class, Conf. Room, 11:30 am

## **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Birthdays:** Aubree Shuler – Mar. 6; Katie Brandewie and Roxanne Rupel – Mar. 8; Janet Speed – Mar. 9; Theodore Burfiend – Mar. 11.

**Anniversaries:** Nate and Jessica Behning – Mar. 6; Pastor and Roseli Burfiend – Mar. 7

**Military:** Denver Burkley (grandson of Joey Septer), Ethan Bearman (cousin of Randy Buuck).

**Members and catechumens of our congregation:** Marilyn Kimmel, Leona Meyer, Nancy Small, Keith Fuller, Marjorie Johnson, Don Milholland, Janet Fuller, John Hartup, Carol Schumacher, Chris Alfeld, Bryce Bowman, David Hoopengardner, Lynette Esslinger.

**Friends and family of the members of our congregation:** Rev. Paul Doehrmann; 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); Cole Parker (friend of Tad Steckbeck); Joanna Daniel (Niece of John and Karen Peck); Darlean Schell; Stanley High (son-in-law of Karan Shell); Sherry Bearman (cousin of Bonnie Brandewie); Linda Strait (friend of Diane Garrett); Karen Gerbers (friend of Jeani Klaus); Jerry and Casey (brother and niece of Janet Speed); Sam Aeschliman (uncle of Lori Bauermeister), Lucas Rielsh (nephew of Bonnie Brandewie); Andy Klaus (brother of Diane Garrett and Duane Klaus).

**LIFE QUOTE** “Paul kept his eyes on Christ who came and faced all the same heartaches, burdens, and sadness we do, and came through victorious. He shouldered our guilt and punishment on the cross and died that we might have life to the full.” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.”

**CLEAR, CONCISE, CONSISTENT...** Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: God's Word in the Christian home, the hymn “Lord of Our Life,” the Religiously Unaffiliated Spiritual Nones, Witchcraft and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**DEVOTIONS** based on this year's Lenten theme (the Lord's Supper) are available on a table in the narthex.

**TODAY - PORK CHOP DINNER** at Bethlehem, Ossian (7545 N 650 E) Carry-out only. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$11 per meal. Use North Gym Doors for pick-up.

**MARCH 8-29 - LENT SUPPERS AND SERVICES**— During this year's Lenten observance, we will reflect on the importance of the Lord's Supper and the practices associated with it. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm from March 1 to March 29. A light meal will be held at 6 pm prior to the service. If you are able to help provide a meal, please sign up in the gym.

**MARCH 8-29 CHOIR REHEARSALS** following the midweek Lenten service. Please join the choir as they prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

**MARCH 12 – APRIL 2 PRIVATE ABSOLUTION AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR HEALING** will be offered from 8:15 to 8:40 every Sunday morning during Lent. Private Absolution is a blessing for consciences burdened with sin. This practice is also consistent with the Lutheran Confessions, which state, “Of Confession [the Lutherans] teach that Private Absolution ought to be retained in the churches” (Augsburg Confession, Article XI). Anointing with oil for healing is a rite for those who are sick and is practiced on the basis of God's Word in James 5:13, which says, “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” (ESV).

**MARCH 6-9, 13-14 PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist the teacher aides while teachers assess individual students. Please sign up in the gym.

**MARCH 12 – MAY 28 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED** to teach from 8:45 to 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet in the gym.

**MARCH 12 DECATUR CIRCUIT FASTPITCH SOFTBALL REUNION** at the Hayloft on Sunday, March 12, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Jim Hoffman at (260) 413-3767.

**MARCH 18, 9 am - THE DECATUR ZONE LWML PRAYER SERVICE** will be held at Faith Lutheran Church (3416 E 900 N, Roanoke). A business meeting will follow with a luncheon served by the Faith ladies. The ingathering will be paper products for the Ft. Wayne Seminary. Plan to attend and worship with women from sister congregations in our Zone.

**MARCH 19, 10:30-1, FISH AND TENDERLOIN LUNCH AND BAKE SALE** at Wyneken Lutheran School (11565 US Hwy 27, Decatur). 10:30 am to 1 pm. Dine in or carry-out. \$12.00 adults, ages 6-12 \$6.00, 5 and under - free. Cash or check only. No credit cards.

**MARCH 19, 4 pm THE SEMINARY KANTOREI** will lead a service of Lenten Evening Prayer in Kramer Chapel at the seminary (6600 N. Clinton St., Ft. Wayne). The Kantorei is a choir of students studying for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary.

**MARCH 25 PACKING MEALS** at Wyneken Lutheran School and sponsored by Zion, Friedheim. See the bulletin board outside of the gym for more information on volunteering.

**MARCH 25, 9 am ALTAR GUILD TRAINING** for anyone interested in serving on the Altar Guild and for those who already serve and have questions.

**MARCH 26 USHER/GREETER TRAINING** after the Divine Service in preparation for Holy Week and Easter

**APRIL 1, 9:30 am TRAINING** for acolytes, crucifers, bookbearers and other service assistants. All boys interested in participating in upcoming services are welcome to attend. The training will be followed by basketball games in the gym.

**APRIL 2 TRAINING FOR THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** – All women interested in participating in the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday, please meet in the sanctuary after the Divine Service on Palm Sunday.

**APRIL 13-16<sup>th</sup> LUTHERAN MEN’S GATHERING** – Join Lutheran men for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and growth at camp Lakeview near Seymour, Indiana. The retreat includes golf, shooting, axe-throwing, a zip-line, fishing, a great speaker, fellowship, and worship. See [www.mensgathering.us](http://www.mensgathering.us) for more information. If you have any questions about what to expect at the retreat, speak with Erik Schlemmer, Randy Buuck, or John Peck.

**JUNE 26-29, 9 am-Noon, VBS AT BETHLEHEM, OSSIAN.** Please see the flyers on the entrance doors for more information on registering children for the event or volunteering to help.

**SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:**

**March 5**

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend  
Fieldworker – Sem. Kjetil Homdal  
Organist: Amy Schueler  
Elder: Terry Bauermeister  
Altar Guild: Melissa Schlemmer  
Coffee Hour:  
Sound: Erik Schlemmer  
Ushers: John Peck and Theo Burfiend

**March 12 - Lord willing**

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend  
Fieldworker – Sem. Kjetil Homdal  
Organist: Amy Schueler  
Elder: Tony Bauermeister  
Altar Guild: Tina B and Sue Hansen  
Coffee Hour:  
Sound: Randy Buuck  
Ushers: Terry and Tony Bauermeister

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## The Season of Lent

Our liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three distinct periods or steps. The first was Pre-lent. The second is Lent which is the time between Ash Wednesday and Judica. The final step is Passiontide and Holy Week.

Today, the second Sunday in Lent, is called **Reminiscere**, which means “remember.” It comes from Psalm 25: “Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindnesses.” The Gospel is the account of the Canaanite woman begging Our Lord to help her demon-possessed daughter. The woman holds Our Lord to His Word. She insists that He remember His promises and be the Messiah.

In Lent, we continue to abstain from the “Alleluias” and Greater Gloria. The color is violet to signify mourning for a monarch. As is the case with all fasting in Christendom, we give things up to subdue our flesh and to enhance our joy in them when they return. For the time comes, indeed, when we shall fast no more.

This season is meant to order our hearts and minds upon not only on the terrible cost of Our Lord’s gracious sacrifice on our behalf but also on His willingness to be our Savior and to reconcile us to His Father. So also, the entire season, as even our entire faith and persons, is observed in the sure and certain knowledge of the Resurrection.

### From Martin Luther’s Sermon for Lent 2 – Reminiscere

Matthew 15:21-28

8. Thirdly, she follows Christ into the house – as Mark 7:24-25 informs us – she perseveres, falls down at His feet, and says: “Lord, help me!” There she received her last mortal blow, in that Christ said in her face, as the words tell, that she was a dog and not worthy to partake of the children’s bread. What will she say to this! Here He presents her in a bad light, she is a condemned and an outcast person, who is not to be reckoned among God’s chosen ones.

9. That is an eternally unanswerable reply, to which no one can give a satisfactory answer. Yet she does not despair, but agrees with His judgment and concedes she is a dog, and desires also no more than a dog is entitled to, namely, that she may eat the crumbs that fall from the Table of the Lord. Is not that a masterly stroke as a reply? She catches Christ with His own words. He compares her to a dog, she concedes it, and ask nothing more than that He let her be a dog, as He Himself judged her to be. Where will Christ now take refuge? He is caught. Truly, people let the dog have the crumbs under the table; it is entitled to that. Therefore Christ now completely opens His heart to her and yields to her will, so that she is now no dog, but even a child of Israel.