

New Hope Lutheran Church  
December 25, 2022  
The Feast of the Nativity  
of Our Lord Jesus Christ



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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 celebrate our Lord's incarnation and receive God's forgiveness. As you prepare for the service, you are invited to pray the prayers inside the front cover of your hymnal and read the communion statement on page 7.*

## Confession and Absolution

*For the processional hymn, please rise and face the processional cross at the rear double doors. As the processional cross passes, all are welcome to bow and make the sign of the cross as a reminder of the fact that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (see Philippians 2:5-11) The fact that this processional opens our service is a reminder of the centrality of Christ's death for all Christian worship and preaching ("For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified"- 1 Cor. 2:2, ESV).\**

### Processional Hymn: 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

*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.

## Service of the Word

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

*Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6*



For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
**and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\***  
**Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**  
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\*  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.  
**The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\***  
**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\*  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.  
**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\***  
**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**  
**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.**  
For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\*  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

**Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**  
**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**  
**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**  
**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; 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

*Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38*

<sup>17</sup>In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. <sup>18</sup>Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. <sup>19</sup>And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>20</sup>He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. <sup>21</sup>And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. . . .

<sup>34</sup>Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup>And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup>Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. <sup>37</sup>But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup>For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

*Psalm 118:26a, 27a, 23*



Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.

**This is the LORD's | doing;\***

**it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

**Hymn: 360 All My Heart Again Rejoices**

**Epistle**

*Titus 3:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

*The Gospel will be read from the nave in the midst of the congregation as a reminder that Christ "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14a, ESV).*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*



**Verse of the Day**

*Liturgical Text*

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, all you nations, and worship the Lord.

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*



## Holy Gospel

John 1:1–18

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

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



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Athanasian Creed** (*Please turn to page 319 in your pew hymnal. The entire Creed will be recited together in unison*)

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 382 We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth** (*Stanzas 2 and 6 will be sung by a soloist*)

**Sermon**

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**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.*)

**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 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

**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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**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.



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymns: 387 Joy to the World**

**367 Angels from the Realms of Glory**

**389 Let All Together Praise Our God**

Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

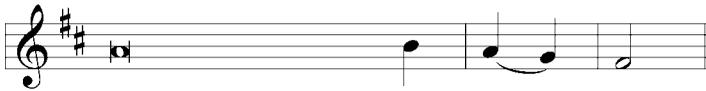
LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of  
all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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



- C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

- 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.

- 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.





# New Hope News and Notes



## December 18, 2022 Stewardship

Attendance: Divine Service: 54; Bible Study/Sunday School: 17

Giving: General Fund: \$2,383 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,967)

Mortgage: \$30 (Remaining Debt: \$43,081)

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 28      Good News Class, 6 pm  
Bible Study, 7 pm

Saturday, December 31      **New Year's Eve Divine Service, 7 pm**

Sunday, January 1              No Sunday School/Adult Bible Study  
**Divine Service, 10 am**

## **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Birthdays:** Tina Bauermeister – Dec. 25; Daryl Doehrmann and Denise Burfiend – Dec. 29

**Military personnel:** 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, Lee Ann Siples, Carol Schumacher, Chris Alfeld, Bryce Bowman, David Hoopengardner

**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), Tom Schlemmer (uncle of Erik Schlemmer); 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); Brian Shelton; 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).

**LIFE THOUGHT** - Jesus brought God delicately amidst sinners, as humble in crucifixion as He was helpless in conception. Yet this estate did not hinder but, in fact, heralded the full realm and reign of God for us. And thereby He reaffirmed the worth of even the feeblest human beings. God's gift of life arrives all the better for the plain packaging He habitually hides it behind.

*Prayer: Lamb of God, make it so that our taking hold of You leads us to cradle Your little ones as well. Amen. A life thought from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org) "Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679."*

**SACRED MUSIC & TALK FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...** You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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**JAN. 8 PARTY** - Mary Martha will host a New Year's Party on Sunday, January 8 for all women of the congregation and their friends. Watch the bulletin for more information.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED** to teach from 8:45 to 9:45 am on Sunday mornings in early January, March, April, and May. If you are able to teach on any Sundays in those months, please sign up on the sheet in the gym.

**SUNDAYS AT OSSIAN HEALTH CARE - 1 PM** – Every other Sunday, New Hope provides a service for the residents of Ossian Health Care. Please join us and visit these residents (some of whom are members of our congregation). Upcoming Sundays include January 1, 15, and 29.

**SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:**

**December 25**

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend  
Fieldworkers – Sem. Cody Schrepferman,  
Sem. Kjetil Homdal  
Organist: Amy Schueler  
Elder: Tony Bauermeister  
Altar Guild: Kami and Katie Brandewie  
Coffee Hour: Tina B. and family  
Sound: Randy Buuck  
Ushers: Tony and Terry Bauermeister

**January 1 - *Lord willing***

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