

New Hope Lutheran Church

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

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Wel come!

We're glad you've joined us as we gather to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

We gather because we're sinners who desperately need the forgiveness Jesus won for us and delivers today. To prepare for the Divine Service, pray the prayers inside the front cover of your hymnal. As you prepare for communion, please read the statement on page 7.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 897 O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly

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.

G Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

Psalm 98:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 124:8



Our help is in the name | of the LORD,*
who made | heaven and earth.

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.

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.

Our help is in the name | of the LORD,*

who made | heaven and earth.

Kyrie

LSB 186

G 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:

G 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.

Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 30:8–17

⁸And now, go, write it before them on a tablet
and inscribe it in a book,
that it may be for the time to come
as a witness forever.

⁹For they are a rebellious people,
lying children,
children unwilling to hear

the instruction of the LORD;
¹⁰who say to the seers, “Do not see,”
and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right;
speak to us smooth things,
prophesy illusions,

¹¹leave the way, turn aside from the path,
let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.”

¹²Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,
“Because you despise this word
and trust in oppression and perverseness
and rely on them,

¹³therefore this iniquity shall be to you
 like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse,
 whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant;
¹⁴and its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel
 that is smashed so ruthlessly
 that among its fragments not a shard is found
 with which to take fire from the hearth,
 or to dip up water out of the cistern.”
¹⁵For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,
 “In returning and rest you shall be saved;
 in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”
 But you were unwilling, ¹⁶and you said,
 “No! We will flee upon horses”;
 therefore you shall flee away;
 and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”;
 therefore your pursuers shall be swift.
¹⁷A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;
 at the threat of five you shall flee,
 till you are left
 like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,
 like a signal on a hill.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

Psalm 90:12, 14



Teach us to num- | ber our days*
 that we may get a heart of | wisdom.
Satisfy us in the morning with Your | steadfast love,*
that we may rejoice and be glad | all our days.

Epistle

Romans 8:31b–39

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up
 for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any
 charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the
 one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is
 interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress,
 or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Luke 12:35–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



³⁵[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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: 899 Across the Sky the Shades of Night

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

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. 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 (*Please turn to page 288 in your hymnal to pray the Litany together*)

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.

The remainder of the service can be found on pages 194-202 of your hymnal.

The hymns that may be sung during the distribution of Holy Communion as well as the Hymn to Depart are listed below.

Distribution Hymns: 364 Away in a Manger

878 Abide with Me

733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

sts. 1-6

Please remain standing after the Benediction as we prepare to sing Silent Night by candlelight. The ushers will light their candles from the pastor's candle and then proceed to light the candles of those near the center aisles. When lighting your candle, please tip the unlit wick to the flame so that the wax from a burning candle does not spill on the carpet or upholstery.

Hymn to Depart: 363 Silent Night, Holy Night



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
 Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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