

New Hope Lutheran Church  
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity  
August 6, 2023



*He that is faithful in that which is least  
is faithful also in much. - Luke 16:10*

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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 7.*

**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 in your pew hymnal. Our service follows Divine Service Setting Three, which begins on page 184 of 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: 504 Father Most Holy**

*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.



**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. Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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

*2 Samuel 22:26–34*

- <sup>26</sup>“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;  
<sup>27</sup>with the purified you deal purely,  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.  
<sup>28</sup>You save a humble people,  
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.  
<sup>29</sup>For you are my lamp, O LORD,  
and my God lightens my darkness.  
<sup>30</sup>For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.  
<sup>31</sup>This God—his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.  
<sup>32</sup>“For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?  
<sup>33</sup>This God is my strong refuge  
and has made my way blameless.

<sup>34</sup>He made my feet like the feet of a deer  
and set me secure on the heights.”

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

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

*Psalm 8:1*



O | LORD, our Lord,\*  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!  
**You have set your | glory\***  
**above the | heavens.**

**Epistle**

*1 Corinthians 10:6–13*

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.  
<sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

*Stand*  
**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*



**Verse of the Day**

*Psalm 112:1*

Alleluia. Blessèd is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!



## Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–13

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

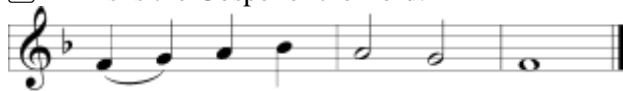


**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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



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

## Nicene Creed

**G** 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: 730 What Is the World to Me**

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory** (*Music for the text below can be found on page 192 of your hymnal*) *LSB 192*

**☐ 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 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 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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** (*Music for the text below can be found on page 195 of your hymnal*)

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.



- 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: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure**

**696 O God, My Faithful God**

**716 I Walk in Danger All the Way**

**497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis (Music for the text below can be found on page 199 of your hymnal)**

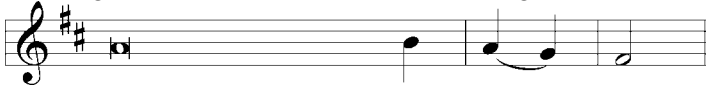
*LSB 199*

- 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.

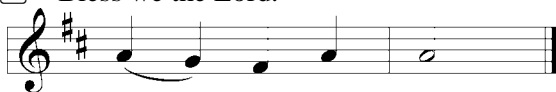


- C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

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



## New Hope News and Notes



### Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 6

Monday, August 7

Wednesday, August 9

Thursday, August 10

Sunday, August 13

Bible Study, 10:45 am

Elders' Meeting, 7 pm

Bible Study, Wells Co. Courthouse, 7:30 am

Bible Study, 7 pm

Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm

**Divine Service, 9 am**

Bible Study, 10:45 am

Service at Ossian Health Care, 1 pm

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Birthdays:** Krysta Graft – Aug. 6; Austin Myers and Mattie Braun – Aug. 8; Ryan Milholland – Aug. 11.

**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, Lori Bauermeister, Kim Steckbeck.

**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 (niece 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).

**LIFE THOUGHT Trinity IX** – Temptations to idolatry exist today as they did in biblical times. The great idol “Death” draws many to its altar. They look to death for rescue from a crisis pregnancy or chronic disease or pain. Death’s allure is so great it even tempts Christians to bow before it. But we have a way out of such temptations to faithlessness: “God is faithful” (1 Corinthians 10:1-13). Christ our “Rock” never leaves us (10:4). We can trust in Him. *Rock of our salvation, may Your faithful service to us through Your cross and resurrection move us to be faithful to You. Amen.– A Life Thought from lutheransforlife.org. “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.”*

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**AUGUST 15-21 PASTOR ON VACATION** – If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, please call Head Elder Tony Bauermeister at 260-442-1356. He will arrange for pastoral care.

**COFFEE HOUR HELP NEEDED** – If you have not hosted coffee hour, please consider doing so! It is a blessing to have refreshments and coffee following the service. There is a sign-up sheet next to the serving window in the gym. If you have questions about how to serve coffee hour, offer to assist someone who is already signed up.

**AUGUST 19 CELEBRATION** - St. Paul, Preble is celebrating her 150th anniversary on Saturday, August 19th, 2023 with a service at 4PM (at St. Paul, Preble, 4510 W. 750 N., Decatur, 46733) and a supper at 6PM (at the Zion, Friedheim Parish Hall). The members of our Decatur circuit LCMS Churches are invited to attend both service and supper to celebrate with us. The supper will feature live music and a presentation by Dr. Cameron MacKenzie of CTS-Ft. Wayne who will be speaking on F.C.D. Wyneken. The supper is \$10/person and includes caesar salad, rolls and butter, cheesy potatoes, green beans, swiss steak, broasted chicken, ice cream, and dessert. We ask that all tickets be purchased in advance. For tickets, please write [stpaulpreble@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulpreble@gmail.com) or call 260-226-0375.

**SEPT. 24 MERCY AND MISSION IN TANZANIA** – Join us during Bible study and for lunch after church to hear from Rev. Peter Brock on efforts to rescue albino children and preach the Gospel in Tanzania. Pastor Brock will also preach in the Divine Service that day.

**SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:**

**August 6**

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Benjamin Mayes  
Organist: Jenny Hendrickson  
Elder: Terry Bauermeister  
Altar Guild: Melissa Schlemmer  
Coffee Hour: Carol Schumacher  
Sound: Randy Buuck  
Ushers: Tony B. and Anthony Book  
Greeters: Tina B. and Graham Smith

**August 13 - Lord willing**

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend  
Organist:  
Elder: Tony Bauermeister  
Altar Guild: Tina B. and Denise B.  
Coffee Hour: Sue Hansen  
Sound: Erik Schlemmer  
Ushers: Terry and Nathan Bauermeister  
Greeters: Randy and Diana Buuck

**From Martin Luther's Sermon for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity  
Luke 16:1-9**

9. But true faith, of which we speak, cannot be manufactured by our own thoughts, for it is solely a work of God in us, without any assistance on our part. As Paul says to the Romans, 5:15, it is God's gift and grace, obtained by one man, Christ. Therefore, faith is something very powerful, active, restless, effective, which at once renews a person and again regenerates him, and leads him altogether into a new manner and character of life, so that it is impossible not to do good without ceasing.

For just as natural as it is for the tree to produce fruit, so natural is it for faith to produce good works. And just as it is quite unnecessary to command the tree to bear fruit, so there is no command given to the believer, as Paul says, nor is urging necessary for him to do good, for he does it of himself, freely and unconstrained; just as he of himself without command sleeps, eats, drinks, puts on his clothes, hears, speaks, goes and comes.

Whoever has not this faith talks but vainly about faith and works, and does not himself know what he says or whither it tends. For he has not received it; he juggles with lies and applies the Scriptures where they speak of faith and works to his own dreams and false thoughts, which is purely a human work. Whereas the Scriptures attribute both faith and good works not to ourselves, but to God alone.

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