

New Hope Lutheran Church
The Baptism of Our Lord
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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**

I have found David, my | servant;*

with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,*

my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”

And I will make him the | firstborn,*

the highest of the kings | of the earth.

My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,*

and my covenant will stand | firm for him.

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.

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,*

and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

I have found David, my | servant;*

with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

Kyrie

LSB 186

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

☩ Glory be to God on high:

☩ 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.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-7

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

Psalm 72:18–19



Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,*
who alone does | wondrous things.

Blessèd be his glorious name for- | ever;*

may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and | Amen!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 403 O Savior of Our Fallen Race

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

Sermon

Stand

Te Deum: LSB 223 (*In place of the Offertory, we will sing the Te Deum on pages 223-225 in your hymnal*)

Offering (*Offerings placed in the plates at the sanctuary doors will be carried forward during the singing of the Te Deum above. 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 “...Lord, in Your mercy,” the Congregation responds, “hear our prayer.”*)

**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: 404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

544 O Love, How Deep

596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

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.

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: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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New Hope News and Notes



December 31-January 1 Stewardship

Attendance: Dec. 31: 29; Jan. 1: 55; Bible Study: N/A

Giving: General Fund: \$4,593 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,967)

Mortgage: \$618 (Remaining Debt: \$42,463)

Upcoming Events

Today, January 8	New Testament Class, Conf. Room, 11:45 am Ladies' New Year's Party, 2-4 pm
Wednesday, January 11	Good News Class, 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm
Friday, January 13	Mary Martha Meeting, 10 am.
Sunday, January 15	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study, 8:45 am Divine Service, 10 am Voters' Meeting, 11:30 am Service at Ossian Health Care, 1 pm

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Birthdays: Eliza McKinney – Jan. 8; Greta Siebert – Jan. 10; Sue Hansen, Wayne Saalfrank, Cortney Shuler – Jan. 12.

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, 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); John Sower (uncle of Daryl Doehrmann); Lorna Kukelhan (sister of Dina Swing).

LIFE QUOTE “The temptation among Christians is to take the temperature of the chaotic and dysfunctional culture and to imbue ourselves with a sense of despair and discouragement. But despair and discouragement, we know from Scripture, is a sin because it negates the hope of Jesus Christ. We are not seeking an earthly victory; as Christians, we know that the most important victory of all of history has already been won by our Lord and Savior.” *Timothy S. Goeglein, vice president of government and external relations at Focus on the Family in Washington, D.C.* – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.”

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TODAY – LADIES' PARTY, 2-4 pm - Mary Martha will host a New Year's Party today from 2 to 4 pm for all women of the congregation and their friends.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED to teach from 8:45 to 9:45 am on Sunday mornings from February 26 through 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 15 and 29.

HOUSE BLESSINGS – During the season of Epiphany, when we celebrate the Magi's visit to the home of Jesus, it has been a custom amongst Christians to have their homes blessed by the Word of God and prayer. Please contact Pastor Burfiend if you are interested in having him visit so that you may use this rite and together pray God's blessing over your home.

SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:

January 8

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend
Fieldworkers – Sem. Cody Schrepferman,
Sem. Kjetil Homdal
Organist: Amy Schueler
Elder: Tony Bauermeister
Altar Guild: Tina B., Sue Hansen
Coffee Hour: Ava Schlemmer
Sound: Erik Schlemmer
Ushers: Terry and Nathan Bauermeister

January 15 - *Lord willing*

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend
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Sem. Kjetil Homdal
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Altar Guild: Bonnie Brandewie
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From Martin Luther's Sermon on Confession

But it should be, that you first of all feel that which weighs you down, and the sins that pain you most and burden your conscience you ought to declare and confess to your brother. Then you need not search long nor seek all kinds of sins; just take the ones that come to your mind, and say, "This is how frail I am and how I have fallen; this is where I crave consolation and counsel." For confession ought to be brief. If you recall something that you have forgotten, it is not to trouble you; for you confessed not in order to do a good work, or because you were compelled, but in order to be comforted by the Word of Absolution. Moreover, you can easily confess to God in secret what was forgotten, or you can hear the Absolution for it during the Communion service.

We are therefore not to worry even if sins have been forgotten; though forgotten they are still forgiven; for God looks, not to the excellence or completeness of your confession, but to His Word and how you believe it. So also the Absolution does not state that some sins are forgiven and others not; on the contrary, it is a free proclamation declaring that God is merciful to you. But if God is merciful to you, all your sins must be blotted out. Therefore, hold fast to the Absolution alone and not to your confession; whether or not you have forgotten anything makes no difference; as much as you believe, so much are you forgiven. This is the way we must ever trust in God's Word in spite of sin and an evil conscience.

The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord

The word "Epiphany" is derived from the Greek word "ἐπιφάνεια", which means "manifestation" or "showing forth". Epiphany, together with Easter and Pentecost, were for several centuries the chief Feasts of the Church.

The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord was first celebrated in the 3rd century A.✠D. by the Eastern Church as a commemoration of the Baptism of Jesus. In the Eastern Church the solemn blessing of the water occurs on Epiphany (note the connection to Jesus' Baptism). Later in the Eastern Church the observance of the Incarnation of the Christ is added to the Epiphany observance.

The Feast of Epiphany was observed in the Western Church in the 4th century A.✠D., where it was associated with the visit of the Magi and the manifestation of God Incarnate to the Gentiles, as it is observed among us today.

It is not until the 5th century A.✠D. that Christmass, celebrated on December 25th, emerges as a Feast equal to Epiphany in both the East and the West, although in some Eastern traditions January 6th is still the day on which the Incarnation is celebrated.

It is the tradition of the Western Church to publicly announce the Moveable Feasts of the Church Year after the reading of the Gospel on Epiphany.

Epiphany reflection above provided by Zion Lutheran Church of Detroit, MI. While the day of Epiphany (January 6) has passed, we are currently in the season of the Sundays after Epiphany.