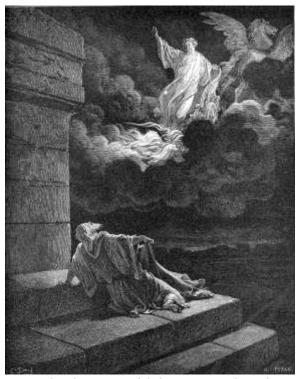
New Hope Lutheran Church December 4, 2022 Popul us Zion The Second Sunday in Advent



... look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draweth nigh.

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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. As you prepare for the Divine Service today, you are invited 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: 355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29



Say to the daughter of | Zion,*

"Behold, your sal- | vation comes."

The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,* and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!* You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

Restore us, | O God;*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Turn again, O | God of hosts!*

Look down from | heaven, and see.

But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,* the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!

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.

Say to the daughter of | Zion,*

"Behold, your sal- | vation comes."

The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,* and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Kyrie LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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



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



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1-6

¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts,

so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 50:2-3a, 5



Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.*

Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;

"Gather to me my | faithful ones,*

who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!"

Epistle Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

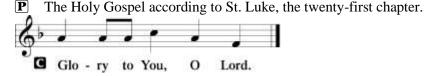
Hymn: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel Luke 21:25–36



²⁵[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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 \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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



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 160

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

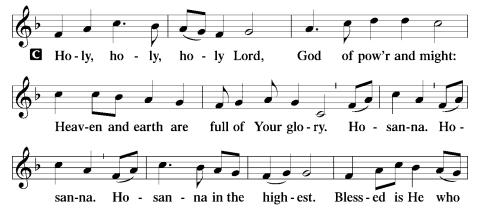


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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





Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LSB 162

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father...

The Words of Our Lord

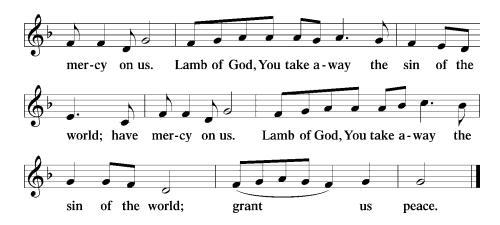
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei LSB 163



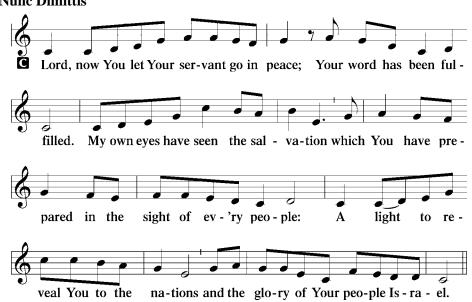


Sit

Distribution Hymns: 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers 334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 351 Creator of the Stars of Night

Stand **Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 165





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.



Benediction LSB 166

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.



Hymn to Depart: 659 Lord of Our Life

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New Hope News and Notes

November 27, 2022 Stewardship

Attendance: Divine Service: 36; Bible Study/Sunday School: 10 Giving: General Fund: \$1197 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,967)

Mortgage: \$0 (Remaining Debt: \$44,293)

Upcoming Events

Today, December 4 New Testament Class, Conf. Rm, 11:30 am

Church Decorating, 11:30 am

Wednesday, December 7 Advent Dinner, 6 pm

Advent Evening Prayer, 7 pm

Friday, December 9 Mary Martha Meeting, 10 am Saturday, December 10 Parents' Afternoon Out, 1-5 pm

Sunday, December 11 Adult Bible Study/Sunday School, 8:45 am

Divine Service, 10:00 am

New Member Welcome Lunch, 11:30 am New Testament Class, Conf. Rm, Noon

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Birthdays: Dina Swing – Dec. 4; Rebecca Singh – Dec. 6; Jacob Adam – Dec. 10.

Anniversaries: Nathan and Megan Ferrell – Dec. 6.

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); Angela and Joanna Daniel (Nieces 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); Ann Thomas (friend of Karan Shell).

LIFE THOUGHT – No matter what sufferings we carry or how weary we become, Jesus provides hope-filled news about His second coming. Christ has won the victory, and when He returns death and evil will be vanquished. We will be "leaping like calves from the stall" (Malachi 4:1-3). "[S]traighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Some things are worth waiting for—even amid suffering! – *A Life Thought from*

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THRIVENT CARDS NEEDED – If you own Thrivent products and have not used both of your \$250 Thrivent Action Cards, please consider using them to provide refreshments for the Dec. 20 Preschool Christmas Program. If you are able to contribute a Thrivent Action Card, please sign up on the sheet in the gym.

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 December 4, December 18, and January 1.

INVITE A FRIEND - Please see your church mailbox for a printed flyer that you can post in a public place or give to a friend to invite them to our church for Advent and Christmas.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS AVAILABLE on the stand in the narthex.

DEC. 7 - 21 – WEDNESDAY SERVICES AND DINNERS – Please join us for Advent evening prayer services at 7 pm Dec. 7, 14, and 21. A light meal will be served before the service at 6 pm. The theme of this year's Advent series is "Creation and New Creation in Christ." We will be looking primarily at God's creation of the world and what that means for our lives today.

DEC. 10 PARENTS' AFTERNOON OUT – Drop your child (toilet trained to age 10) off from 1 to 5 pm for snacks, devotions, and activities. \$20 per child. If you are able to help with this event, please sign up in the gym or contact Amanda Branstrator at 260-413-0482.

UPCOMING SERVICES - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 pm; Christmas Day Divine Service, 10 am; New Year's Eve Divine Service, 7 pm

SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:

December 4

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend

Fieldworkers – Sem. Cody Schrepferman,

Sem. Kjetil Homdal

Organist: Amy Schueler Elder: Terry Bauermeister

Altar Guild: Melissa Schlemmer

Coffee Hour:

Sound: Randy Buuck

Ushers: Tony and Terry Bauermeister

December 11 - Lord willing

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend

Fieldworkers – Sem. Cody Schrepferman,

Sem. Kjetil Homdal

Organist: Amy Schueler Elder: Tony Bauermeister

Altar Guild: Tina Bauermeister Sue Hansen Coffee Hour: Tim and Lynette Esslinger

Sound: Erik Schlemmer

Ushers: John Peck and Theo Burfiend

From Martin Luther's Sermon for the Second Sunday in Advent

Luke 21:25-36

44. Could He admonish, comfort, and strengthen you in a more delicate and loving manner? In the first place He says, You will hear of wars, but you should have no fears. And when He tells you to have no fears, what else does He mean than that He commands you to be of good cheer and to discern the signs with joy? Secondly, He tells you to look up; thirdly, to lift up your heads; and fourthly, He speaks of your redemption. What can comfort and strengthen you if such a word does not? Do you think He would deceive you and try to lead you into a false confidence?

My dear hearer, let such a word not have been said in vain: thank God and trust in it — there is no other comfort or advice if you cast this to the winds. It is not your condemnation but your redemption of which Christ speaks. Will you turn His words around and say, It is not your

redemption but your condemnation? Will you flee from your own salvation? Will you not greet and thank your God Who comes out to meet and to greet you?

45. He has, no doubt, also spoken this word for the fainthearted who, although they are devout and prepared for the last day, are yet filled with great anxiety and are hindered in taking part in His coming with that desire which should be found at the end of the world; therefore He calls attention to their redemption.

The Sundays in Advent

"Advent is a season of prayer preparation, of making ready for the coming of our King. As He came in Prophecy, so also He has indeed come already in the Flesh. He comes now in His Means of Grace, given us to keep and preserve us steadfast in faith until His Coming in Glory.

"Advent begins with the account of the Triumphal Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem (Ad Te Levavi, Matthew 21:1-9), marking our entrance into a new year of God's Grace. The King comes! As the budding fig tree alerts all to the coming summer, so do we see the signs of the imminent coming of our Lord (Populus Zion, Luke 21:25-33). John the Baptizer sees the signs even through prison bars as the blind see and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have the Gospel preached to them, bringing hope in the midst of penitent preparation (Gaudete, Matthew 11:2-10), fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. And St. John, the Forerunner, who makes straight the Way of the Lord as he calls the people to repentance, promises One who is preferred before him will come after him, One who will come soon (Rorate Coeli, John 1:19-28). Repent, for the King comes!"

(Reflection above provided by Zion Lutheran, Detroit, MI)

The titles for each Sunday in Advent are from the first words of the Latin Introit for that Sunday. In the church, these Sundays have come to be referred to by the first words of their Latin Introit, just as we refer to the canticles (Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, Agnus Dei, Nunc Dimittis) by the first words of their Latin text. "Ad Te Levavi" means "to You I have lifted up." "Populus Zion" means "people of Zion." "Gaudete" means "rejoice." "Rorate Coeli" means "drop down, ye heavens."

The color for the Advent season is purple, which reminds us of our need to confess our sin and receive forgiveness. This season of repentance helps us prepare for the celebration of our Lord's incarnation at Christmas (Source: Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, (St. Louis: Concordia, 2017), 377).