

New Hope Lutheran Church
Sexagesima
February 12, 2023



Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God.

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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. 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 6.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born

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 44:1–2, 7–8; antiphon: vv. 23, 25a, 26a



Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*

Rise up; come | to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,*
what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:

**you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;*
you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.**

But you have saved us | from our foes*
and have put to shame those who | hate us.

**In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*
and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.**

**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.**

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Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*
Rise up; come | to our help!

Kyrie

LSB 186

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

Isaiah 55:10–13

^{10c}For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
 it shall not return to me empty,
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
 and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
 and be led forth in peace;
 the mountains and the hills before you
 shall break forth into singing,
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
 instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
 and it shall make a name for the LORD,
 an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 4:9–13

⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

Psalms 60:1–2, 5



O God, you have rejected us, broken our de- | fences;*
 you have been angry; oh, re- | store us.

You have made the land to quake; you have torn it | open;*
repair its breaches, for it | totters.

That your beloved ones may be de- | livered,*
 give salvation by your right hand and | answer us!

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



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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: 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

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 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 “...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 regarding communion.*

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your 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 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: 820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker
586 Preach You the Word
577 Almighty God, Your Word is Cast
790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

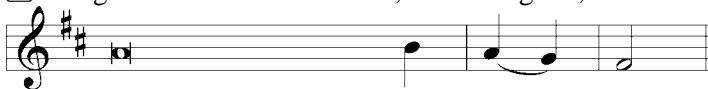
LSB 199

- 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

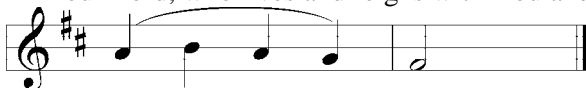
- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



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

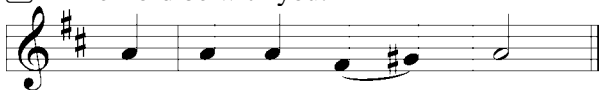
- A** Let us pray.

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: 834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth



New Hope News and Notes

February 5 Stewardship

Attendance: Divine Service: 58; Bible Study/Sunday School: 16
Giving: General Fund: \$1,647 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,967)
Mortgage: \$705 (Remaining Debt: \$40,294)



Upcoming Events

Today, February 12	New Testament Class, Conf. Room, 11:30 am Choir Practice, Choir Room, 11:30 am. Bake Sale, 11:30 am.
Wednesday, February 15	Good News Class, 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm
Sunday, February 19	Bible Study/Sunday School, 8:45 am Divine Service, 10 am New Testament Class, Conf. Room, 11:30 am Choir Practice, Choir Room, 11:30 am

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Birthdays: Zachary Anderson – Feb. 14; Todd Myers – Feb. 15; Diane Garrett – Feb. 18.

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, Carol Schumacher, Chris Alfeld, Bryce Bowman, David Hoopengardner, Lynette Esslinger.

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); 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); 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 Kukulhan (sister of Dina Swing); Jerry and Casey (brother and niece of Janet Speed); Sam Aeschliman (uncle of Lori Bauermeister).

LIFE THOUGHT– God’s Word does things, guaranteed (Isaiah 55:11)! That’s because God Himself works in and through His Word, accomplishing His will. His work through the Word made flesh changes hearts. That is why Lutherans For Life bases everything upon that Word. When hearts and minds are changed, people change. People changed and motivated by the Word can influence and bring change to our society. *Almighty Father, bring forth fruit from the seeds You plant in and through us. Amen.*– *A Life Thought from Lutherans For Life* lutheransforlife.org “*Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help.* word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.”

LISTEN TO BIBLE STUDY BY PHONE...Are you unable to access on-demand audio using a smart phone, personal computer or tablet? Thanks to Dial-a-Podcast you can now listen on your phone to Pastor Weedon’s daily 15-minute Bible study, *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever*. Simply dial (618) 262-0078.

BAKE SALE – TODAY. During the Bible study hour at 8:45 am, Seminarian Kjetil Homdal spoke on mission work in Norway. To support this mission work, Mary-Martha is sponsoring a Valentine Cookie Sale today after the service. Purchase a plate to enjoy or give to a friend!

LWML MITE SUNDAY--TODAY. Please place donations in the baskets at the entry doors.

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH that they may grow in faith toward God and love toward others as several of them attend a retreat at Concordia Theological Seminary next weekend.

LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – Lent is a wonderful opportunity to turn our attention to our Lord and His suffering for us sinners. During this year’s Lenten observance, we will reflect on the importance of the Lord’s Supper and the ceremonies and practices associated with it. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm beginning on February 22 (Ash Wednesday). On March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, we will hold a light meal an hour prior to the service.

FRIDAY, FEB. 24, 6 pm - GAME NIGHT - Mark your calendars for a fun evening and plan to bring your favorite game, snack (to share) and appetite!

SAT., FEB. 25, 1-4 pm PARENTS' DAY AWAY (For those who may have forgotten Valentine's Day). Children who are toilet trained up to age 10 can be dropped off for \$20 per child. Snacks, devotions, and other activities will be provided by members of the Board of Education.

SUN. MAR. 5, PORK CHOP DINNER at Bethlehem Lutheran, Ossian. Carry-out only. You may purchase tickets for \$11 at New Hope on Sunday, March 19 and Sunday, March 26. Proceeds support the 6th-8th grade Washington D.C. trip at Bethlehem Lutheran School.

MARCH 10 - RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET – Seats are available (and paid for, thanks to various donations) at this year's Northeast Indiana Right to Life Banquet at the Wells County 4-H Community Center in Bluffton. The keynote speakers are Al and Lisa Robertson of Duck Dynasty. Doors open at 5:30 and the banquet begins at 6:30. Sign up in the gym if you plan to attend. If you have any questions, please speak with Sue Hansen.

APRIL 13-16th LUTHERAN MEN'S GATHERING – Join Lutheran men for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and growth at camp Lakeview near Seymour, Indiana. The retreat includes golf, shooting, axe-throwing, a zip-line, fishing, a great speaker, fellowship, and worship. See www.mensgathering.us for more information. If you have any questions about what to expect at the retreat, speak with Erik Schlemmer, Randy Buuck, or John Peck.

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: How to Save the West; Finding a Therapist; "Luther's Large Catechism with Annotations and Contemporary Applications;" 19th-Century Lutheran Theologian Wilhelm Loehe and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:

February 12

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

February 19 - Lord willing

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED to teach from 8:45 to 9:45 am on Sunday mornings from February 26 through May 28. If you are able to teach on any Sundays in those months, please sign up on the sheet in the gym.

The “Gesima” Sundays and Sexagesima

Our liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three distinct periods. The first is the “Gesimas.” These three Sundays before Lent are mainly focused on the grace of God and examine that grace from three perspectives. This Sunday, **Sexagesima** (meaning “about 60 days”), highlights the theme that grace is passively received. In the collect for this Sunday we pray that God would see that we put not our trust in anything that we do and that He would mercifully defend us by His power. The parable of the sower is read as the Gospel from Luke 8:4-15. The seed of God’s Word is passively received. It transforms bad soil into good and noble hearts. We pray that this would happen this also to and for us.

From Martin Luther’s Sermon for Sexagesima Sunday

Luke 8:4-15

10. All this is spoken for our instruction, that we may not go astray, since so many misuse the Gospel and few lay hold of it aright. True it is unpleasant to preach to those who treat the Gospel so shamefully and even oppose it. For preaching is to become so universal that the Gospel is to be proclaimed to all creatures, as Christ says in Mark 16:15 – “Preach the Gospel to the whole creation;” and Psalm 19:4 – “Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.” What business is it of mine that many do not esteem it? It must be that many are called but few are chosen. For the sake of the good ground that brings forth fruit with patience, the seed must also fall fruitless by the wayside, on the rock and among the thorns; inasmuch as we are assured that the Word of God does not go forth without bearing some fruit, but it always finds also good ground; as Christ says here, some seed of the sower falls also into good ground, and not only by the wayside, but among the thorns and on stony ground. For wherever the Gospel goes you will find Christians. “My Word shall not return unto Me void.” Isaiah 55:11.*

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