

New Hope Lutheran Church  
Septuagesima  
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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. 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: 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

*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 18:1–2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv. 5–6a*



The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\*  
the snares of death con- | fronted me.

**In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.\***

**From his temple he | heard my voice.**

I love you, O | LORD, my strength.\*

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.

**For you save a humble | people,\***

**but the haughty eyes | you bring down.**

[You have] equipped | me with strength\*

and made my way | blameless.

**For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,\***

**and sing | to your name.**

**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.**

The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\*  
the snares of death con- | fronted me.

In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.\*

From his temple he | heard my voice.

**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 Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of

Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 17:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm: 220** (*In place of the Psalm/Gradual today, please sing the Venite on page 220 of your pew hymnal*)

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5*

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

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

*Psalm 130:1–4*



Out | of the depths\*

I cry to you, | O LORD!

**O Lord, | hear my voice!\***

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!**

If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,\*

O Lord, | who could stand?

**But with you there is for- | givenness,\***

**that you | may be feared.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 20:1–16*

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



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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

**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: 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

## 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.... 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.



## 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: 566 By Grace I'm Saved

553 O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire

630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

696 O God, My Faithful God

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

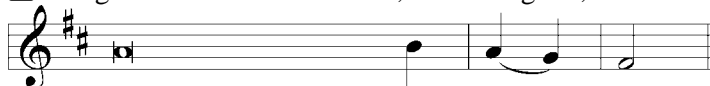
LSB 199

**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... 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  $\dagger$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Hymn to Depart: 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**



**New Hope News and Notes**



**January 29 Stewardship**

Attendance: Divine Service: 63; Bible Study/Sunday School: 25  
Giving: General Fund: \$2,234 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,967)  
Mortgage: \$0 (Remaining Debt: \$40,999)

**Upcoming Events**

Today, February 5	New Testament Class, Conf. Room, 11:30 am Choir Practice, Choir Room, 11:30 am.
Wednesday, February 8	Good News Class, 6 pm Bible Study, 7 pm
Sunday, February 12	Mission Presentation, 8:45 am <b>Divine Service, 10 am</b> New Testament Class, Conf. Room, 11:30 am Bake Sale, 11:30 am. Choir Practice, Choir Room, 11:30 am

## **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Birthdays:** Abe Wallis and Lea Ann Johnson – Feb. 6; Ken Brandewie, Doug Gosnell, and Tad Steckbeck – Feb. 11.

**Anniversaries:** Ken and Bonnie Brandewie – Feb. 10.

**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), 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); 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); Jerry and Casey (brother and niece of Janet Speed).

**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](http://word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.”*

**MISSION FESTIVAL AND BAKE SALE – NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 12.** During the Bible study hour at 8:45 am, our field worker, Kjetil Homdal, plans to speak on mission work in Norway. To support this mission work, Mary-Martha will sponsor a Valentine Cookie Sale. Would you be willing to make a batch of cookies for this event? A variety of the cookies will be arranged on each plate to be sold for \$4.00 and will be available after the worship service. Purchase a plate to enjoy or give to a friend!

**FEB. 11, 10 am – BRING COOKIES AND JOIN US TO PLATE COOKIES** so that they can be sold at the February 12 mission festival.

**WED., FEB. 22, 7 pm - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE.** Please join us for Ash Wednesday and the following Wednesdays for Lent services. This year’s theme is “Given and Shed for You: The Lord’s Supper for Lent.” Beginning March 1, we will have a dinner at 6 pm and a service at 7 pm.

**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.

**APRIL 13-16<sup>th</sup> LUTHERAN MEN'S GATHERING** – Join Lutheran men for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and growth. See [www.mensgathering.us](http://www.mensgathering.us) for more information.

**OLD THEOLOGY, NEW TECHNOLOGY...** 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 topics include: Mental Illness in the Lutheran Congregation, The "He Gets Us" Ad Campaign, True Tolerance, Church Discipline and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**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.

**LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE THIS TUESDAY!** Classes meet at Wyneken Lutheran School, just north of Decatur on Highway 27. Students and adults can choose from four courses which meet from **7 to 9:15 pm on Tuesday nights, February 7 and 14.**

**SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:**

**February 5**

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend  
Fieldworkers – Sem. Cody Schrepferman,  
Sem. Kjetil Homdal  
Organist: Amy Schueler  
Elder: Terry Bauermeister  
Altar Guild: Melissa Schlemmer  
Coffee Hour: Jeani Klaus  
Sound: Erik Schlemmer  
Ushers: Terry and Nathan Bauermeister

**February 12 - *Lord willing***

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:  
Sound: Randy Buuck  
Ushers: Tony and Terry Bauermeister

## The “Gesima” Sundays and Septuagesima

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, **Septuagesima** (meaning “about 70 days”), highlights the theme that grace is undeserved. The collect for this Sunday implores God to graciously hear us, who are justly punished for our sin, so that we may be delivered by His goodness. The goodness of God is emphasized in the parable of the vineyard workers in the day’s Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16. All the laborers receive the reward because of the goodness of the landowner and not because of their own labor or merit. We prepare for Easter by remembering that Christ has borne the heat and burden of the day for us so that we might have that goodness for free.

### From Martin Luther’s Sermon for Septuagesima Sunday

Matthew 20:1-16

4. Hence the substance of the parable in today’s Gospel consists not in the penny, what it is, nor in the different hours; but in earning and acquiring, or how one can earn the penny; that as here the first presumed to obtain the penny and even more by their own merit, and yet the last received the same amount because of the goodness of the householder. Thus God will show it is nothing but mercy that He gives and no one is to abrogate to himself more than another. Therefore He says, “I do thee no wrong, is not the money mine and not thine; if I had given away thy property, then thou wouldest have reason to murmur; is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?”

14. Hence the substance of this Gospel is that no mortal is so high, nor will ever ascend so high, who will not have occasion to fear that he may become the very lowest. On the other hand, no mortal lies so low or can fall so low, to whom the hope is not extended that he may become the highest; because here all human merit is abolished and God's goodness alone is praised, and it is decreed as on a festive occasion that the first shall be last and the last first. In that he says, "the first shall be last" he strips thee of all thy presumption and forbids thee to exalt thyself above the lowest outcast, even if thou wert like Abraham, David, Peter or Paul. However, in that He also says, "the last shall be first," he checks thee against all doubting, and forbids thee to humble thyself below any saint, even if thou wert Pilate, Herod, Sodom and Gomorrah.

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