

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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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**

## WELCOME!

*We're glad you've joined us as we gather to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. We don't gather because we're perfect. We gather because we're sinners who desperately need the forgiveness Jesus won for us by His life, death, and resurrection. 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 9.*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Stand*

**Hymn of Invocation: 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come**

*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.  
**C** **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.  
**C** **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.**
- P** 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 19:1, 4–6; antiphon: Isaiah 45:8a*



Shower, O heavens, | from above,\*

and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;

**let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;\***

**let the earth cause them | both to sprout.**

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*

and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

**Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.\***

**In them he has set a tent | for the sun,**

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,\*

and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,\***

**and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.**

**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.**

Shower, O heavens, | from above,\*

and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;

let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;\*

let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

**Kyrie**

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- 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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

- P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 18:15–19*

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.<sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.<sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

*Psalm 145:18, 21*



The LORD is near to all who | call on him,\*  
to all who call on | him in truth.

**My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,\***  
**and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.**

## Epistle

*Philippians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



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



**C** Praise to You, 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: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

### Sermon

Stand

### Prayer of the Church

**Offering**(At the conclusion of the service, please place your offering in the plate near the sanctuary doors.)

### Offertory

LSB 159

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## 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.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

## The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymns : 355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide**

**359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

**347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

**820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 165*

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



### Post-Communion Collect

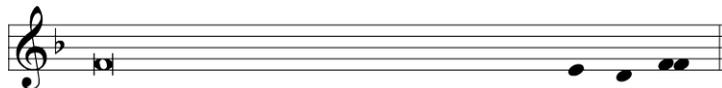
**A** Let us pray.

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*



**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



### Hymn to Depart: 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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## NEW HOPE NEWS AND NOTES



### December 5, 2021 Stewardship

Giving: General Fund: \$1,449 (Amount needed weekly: \$3,028)  
Mortgage: \$300 (Remaining Debt: \$75,223)

### Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 19	Christmas Program Rehearsal/Meeting, 11:30
Wednesday, December 22	Advent Supper 5:30 pm <b>Advent Evening Prayer Service, 6:30 pm</b> Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
Friday, December 24	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 pm</b>
Saturday, December 25	<b>Christmas Day Divine Service, 10 am</b>
Sunday, December 26	Bible Study/Sunday School, 8:45 am <b>Divine Service with Children's Christmas Program 10:00 am</b>

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Birthdays:** Jacob Graft – Dec. 21; Randy Siples – Dec. 23; Tina Bauermeister – Dec. 25.

**Military personnel:** Tristan Graft, Denver Burkley (grandson of Joey Septer), Ethan Bearman (friend of Randy & Diana Buuck).

**Members and catechumens of our congregation:** Nancy Small, Thelma Yager, Keith Fuller, Tammy Saalfrank, Russell Sponseller, Marjorie Johnson, Don Milholland, Janet Fuller, John Hartup, Lee Ann Siples, Carol Schumacher, Tony Bauermeister, Chris Alfeld, Sue Hansen.

**Friends and family of the members of our congregation:** Rev. Paul Doehrmann; Susan Gaines; Alice Jacobs; Makenzie Webb (granddaughter of Carol Schumacher); Johnny Johnson (husband of Candace Johnson); Jody Ford (friend of the Saalfrank family); Michael Johnson (son of Marjorie Johnson); Hadley Schumacher (great-niece of Lee Ann Siples); Clete Bailey, Ben Aeschliman, and Tracey Bailey (cousins and brother of Lori Bauermeister); Robin Graham (friend of Randy and Diana Buuck); Don Hockemeyer, John Hunter, Mellisa Hunter, Rose Gaskill (friends of Dara Phillips), Tom Schlemmer and Will Schlemmer (uncles of Erik Schlemmer), George Peck (brother of John Peck); Lynne Kuzeff (sister-in-law of Jeani Klaus); the family of Betty Bradtmueller.

**SUPPORT OUR CHURCH WITH YOUR REGULAR PURCHASES** - Purchase scrip gift cards to cover the cost of gas, groceries, gifts, and restaurants and help pay off the church mortgage! See Janice Braun (and the papers posted in the gym) for more details.

**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.

**LIFE QUOTE** “Unlike Christmas ornaments, each baby is a unique life never to be replicated in all of history. Each life brutally snuffed out by abortion will leave the world a lesser place for it.” *Bradley Mattes, president of Life Issues Institute – 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.”

**EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST...** 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 subjects include: The Christmas Hymn “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming,” The Movie “Spider-Man: No Way Home,” What Can We Learn from “The Benedict Option”?, Jesus Seeking the Lost in Luke 15 and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**BAKE SALE TODAY** sponsored by Mary Martha. Stop by the table and shop for Christmas gifts, lunch, and other goodies.

**CHURCH WEEK AT RURAL KING** - Rural King will once again be having their church week from Dec. 9 - Dec.24, 2021. This is a time when the church can receive 10% back on your purchase amount. Save your receipts. Instructions on uploading your receipts online will be available on the table in the hall. If you need someone else to upload your receipts, please leave them in the basket on the hall table.

**ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES AND DINNERS** – Please join us for Advent evening prayer at 6:30 pm on Dec. 22. A light meal will be served before the service at 5:30 pm. If you would like to help with the meal, please sign up in the hallway outside the church office.

**ADVENT THEME AND DEVOTION** – The sermons for our Advent services this year will focus on the book of Malachi. God used the prophet Malachi to call His people to turn from particular sins and trust in Him. As we prepare for our Lord's second coming, we still need to hear this portion of our Lord's Word. In order to aid your meditation on God's Word this season, you are invited to take one of the Advent devotional booklets on the table in the narthex. It provides a reflection for each day of the Advent season and follows our theme for Advent this year.

**THANK YOU** to all those who have donated toward the new banners that hang in our sanctuary. Four more banners have been purchased (purple and red) with different Christian symbols. If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of these banners, please leave a gift designated to church banners in the offering plate.

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** – Please join us on December 26 during the 10 am Divine Service for our regular Christmas Program featuring the youth and children of our congregation. **A rehearsal will take place in the sanctuary after the service today.** If you are interested in assisting or participating in the program, please speak with Tina Bauermeister.

**POINSETTIAS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS**– Please consider purchasing and donating a poinsettia for the Christmas season or donating funds to pay for instrumentalists on Christmas Eve. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please contact Tina Bauermeister at 260-639-6530. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of instrumentalists, please place your donation with the name of your loved one in the offering plate. The bulletin on Christmas Eve will include the name of your loved one.

**SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:**

**December 19**

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend  
Fieldworkers: Patrick Cox  
    Martin Torsvik, Cody Schrepferman  
Organist: Amy Schueler  
Elder: Terry Bauermeister  
Coffee Hour: Schlemmer family  
Altar Guild: Bonnie Brandewie  
Sound: Randy Buuck

**December 26 - *Lord willing***

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend  
Fieldworkers: Patrick Cox,  
    Martin Torsvik, Cody Schrepferman  
Organist: Amy Schueler  
Elder: Tony Bauermeister  
Coffee Hour:  
Altar Guild: Kami and Katie Brandewie  
Sound: Erik Schlemmer

## 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 can help us prepare for the celebration of our Lord’s incarnation at Christmas (Source: Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation, (St. Louis: Concordia, 2017), 377).*