

New Hope Lutheran Church



*Liturgy of Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025
10:30 am*

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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A Word to our Visitors & Guests

Welcome to New Hope Lutheran Church-ELCA. We are grateful you chose to worship with us and hope that you will experience the joy of God's life-changing love today. Whether looking for a church home, curious about the Christian Faith or visiting with Family, you are welcome here. Please fill out a Connection Card, located in the seat pocket in front of you, so we might better communicate with you. They can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. Please stop by the visitor booth in the lobby for information about any of New Hope's ministries. We have a children's sermon and then Children's Church for preschool-third grade. Childcare is available for infants through age three. If you are in need of childcare, please speak to one of our ushers.

ALL are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. We invite you to come forward as the ushers instruct and stand or kneel at the altar. You will receive the bread in your hand and a small cup of wine or juice. After communing you are invited to rise and return to your seat by way of the side aisle.

New Hope Lutheran Church has been planted in Keller for over 25 years. We are energized by our mission to pass on the faith, serve our community, worship God and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. We pray your time with us today will inspire and challenge you to live out your faith in daily life and join us as we live out our mission to ***Boldly Share God's Word!***

Pastor Miles Holder
Scott Martin, Parish Lay Minister
Bruno Ribeiro, Music Director
Charlene Starr, Administrative Assistant
Elizabeth Kunkler, New Hope Christian School Director

Prelude

Call to Worship

The assembly stands

Here I am to Worship (Sung)

Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.
Here I am to worship.

Welcome

We welcome all those who gather to worship this morning, both here in person, and those joining us on Facebook Live. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. We extend a special welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning. We're so pleased that you have chosen to gather here to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Most Merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!



Canticle of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The assembly is seated

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Joshua 5:9-12

⁹ Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.¹⁰ On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. ¹¹ The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. ¹² The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 (read bold text responsively)

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

² **Blessed is the one
whose sin the LORD does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**⁶Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.**

⁹Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

**¹⁰Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.**

¹¹Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

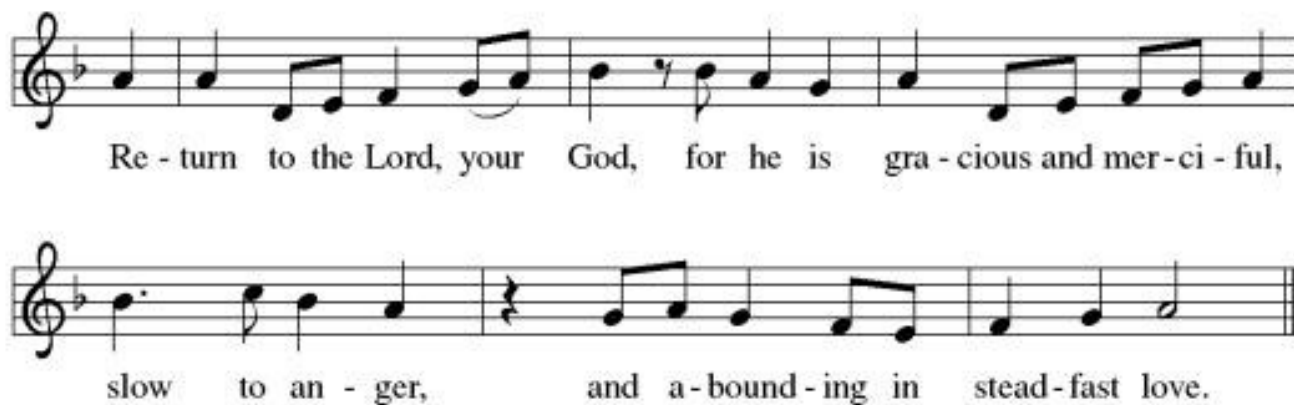
¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”³ Then Jesus told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’²⁸ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’³¹ “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Children’s Message

Sermon

The assembly is seated

Pastor Miles Holder

Just As I Am, without One Plea

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Just As I Am, without One Plea'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes with the phrase 'O Lamb of God, I come, I come.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess the faith of the Church with the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God, in your mercy,

C: Receive our prayer

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

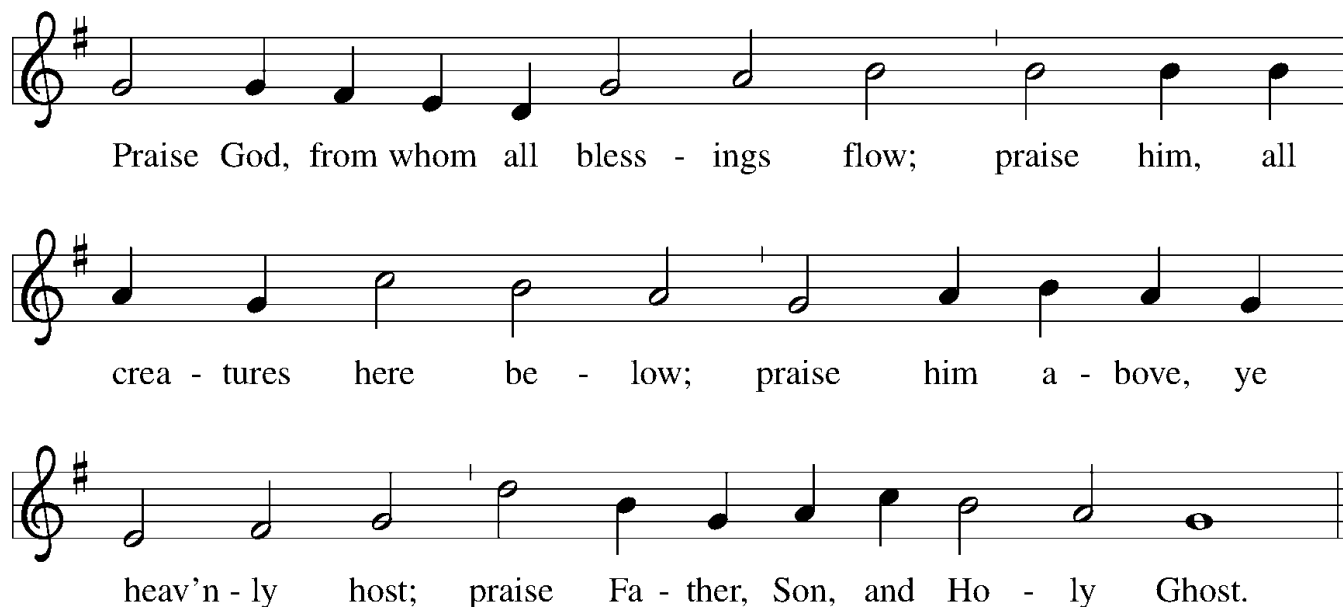
C: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

In response to God's Good News of grace and abundance freely given to us in Christ Jesus, we return joyfully our first fruits for the mission of New Hope Lutheran Church, including the wider expressions of the whole body of Christ and the care of those in need.



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray...

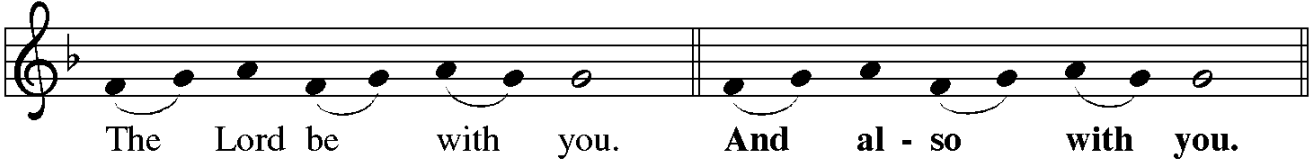
God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

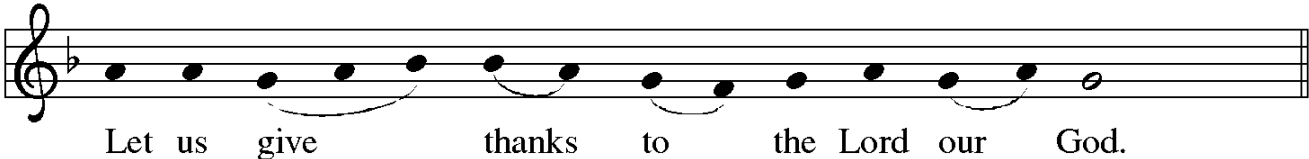
2nd Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

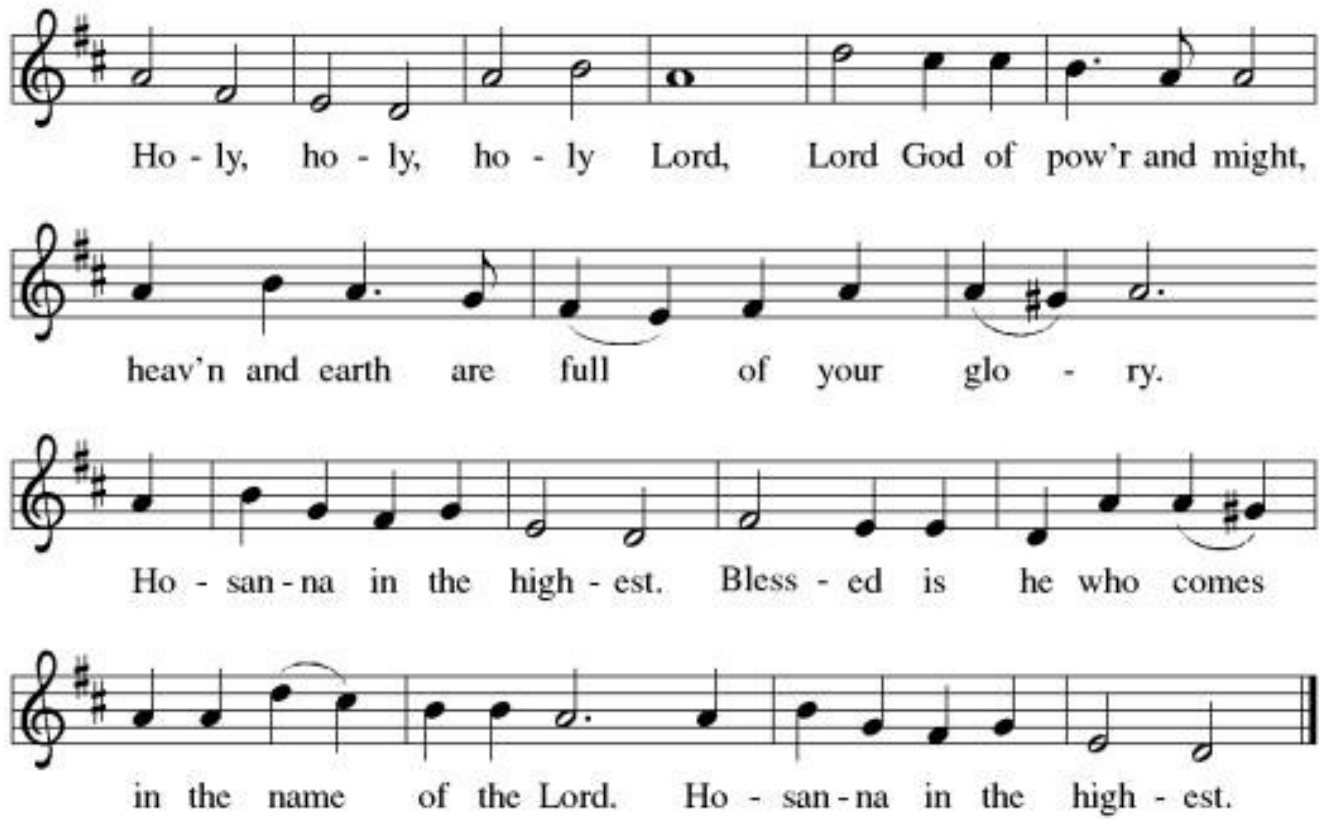


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

*The presiding minister prays the words of institution
Matthew 26:26-28*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen

The Sacrament of Communion

We practice open communion at New Hope. Jesus is the host for this meal and is present in the bread and the wine. He invites you to come and receive the body of Christ given for you, and the blood of Christ shed for you. Forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in this meal. Children who have not yet received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. You will receive bread from the pastor, then either wine or grape juice. Please let the ushers know if you are in need of communion at your seat.

Invitation to Communion

P: The bread is broken and the wine is poured. Come to the Lord's table of love, mercy and forgiveness, for all things now have been made ready.

Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God" John 1:29

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.

Mighty Is the Power of the Cross

What can take a dying man
And raise him up to life again?
What can heal a wounded soul,
What can make us white as snow?
What can fill the emptiness,
What can mend our brokenness,
Brokenness?

Mighty, awesome, wonderful
Is the holy cross
Where the Lamb laid down His life
To lift us from the fall.
Mighty is the power of the cross.

What restores our faith in God,
What reveals the Father's love?
What can lead the wayward home,
What can melt a heart of stone?
What can free the guilty ones,
What can save and overcome,
Overcome?

Mighty, awesome, wonderful
Is the holy cross
Where the Lamb laid down His life
To lift us from the fall.
Mighty is the power of the cross.

It's a miracle to me,
It's a miracle to me,
And it's still a mystery,
And it's still a mystery.
It's a miracle to me;
The power of God
For those who believe.

Mighty, awesome, wonderful
Is the holy cross
Where the Lamb laid down His life
To lift us from the fall.
Mighty is the power of,
Mighty is the power of,
Mighty is the power of the cross.

Thank You for the cross,
Thank you for the cross.

Table Blessing

P: And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace, now and unto eternal life.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray together...

C: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -
filled. 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.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,
and will be for - ev - er. A - men

Announcements

Blessing

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 give you peace.

Amen.

We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Dismissal

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Boldly Sharing God's Word

Come as You Are!

Come Make a Difference!

Come to Belong!

If you are visiting New Hope or have a prayer request please fill out the blue connection card located in the seat pocket.

**Be sure to check New Hope's website for updated information and calendar
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Prayer Requests

Thanksgiving to God for:

- New Hope Christian School
- Those who found employment
- First responders and police

God's guidance and direction for:

- The mission and ministry of New Hope Lutheran Church
- National and world leaders working for justice and peace
- Those discerning vocational call or seeking employment
- Those who struggle with family issues

NT-NL sister congregations and ministries:

Pray daily for Christ's redeeming love and grace to be at the heart of our witness and for leaders, lay and rostered, as they lead congregations in Lent and Holy Week, ELCA Churchwide staff, St. Paul in Levelland, the incarcerated and those working in prisons.

Healing, wholeness, protection:

- Congregation members and friends: *especially Ruth and family, Bryan, Rick and family, Steve, Robert, Freida, Leah, Gentry, Scott, Anderson, Jack Lera, Betty, Carrie, Rachel, Delores, Jerry, Kristell, Tim Capps and family, and the peoples and leaders of Russia, Ukraine, Israel and Palestine.*
- Homebound
- Children and teachers navigating remote learning
- Young adults attending college or away from home
- All athletes playing sports
- Cub Scouts and The Order of The Arrow
- All deployed, non-deployed, reserve and veteran Armed Forces and families
- Those recovering from catastrophe or weather
- All those affected and displaced by recent natural disasters
- The victims of terrorism and violence

Grieving:

Those dealing with loss

Announcements

- ◆ Mid-Week Lenten Dinner and services will continue throughout Lent with dinner at 6:15pm and service at 7:00pm..
- ◆ We will be collecting filled Easter eggs for the kids to hunt on Easter Sunday April 20th. If you would like to donate please place eggs in the appropriate box in the Narthex.
- ◆ Murder Mystery Dinner April 26th. \$5 a ticket dinner is included. See sign up sheet for more information.
- ◆ If you are in need of a name tag send an email to the church office.

New Hope Giving

As of 3/23/2025

<u>Weekly</u>		<u>YTD</u>	
Contributions	Budget	Contributions	Budget
\$4,377	\$2,885	\$30,206	\$34,020

Thank you to the following who served at worship *today*:

Pastor: Miles Holder

Assisting Minister: Andrew Edelstein **Reader:** Dave Melvin

Ushers: Rick Humes & Janice Needham **Greeter:** Justin Oliver

Thank you to the following who will serve at worship **April 30**

Pastor: Miles Holder

Assisting Minister: Arthur Momo **Reader:** Gary Markestad

Ushers: Jody & Cody Brechler **Greeter:** Christina Brechler

Thank you to the counters for March : Karen Coble & Bob Gartner

Thank you to following teams

Hybrid Worship Team: Andrew Edelstein, Bob Gartner & Jeff Manthei

Altar Guild: Gerda Evans, Deb Hultberg, Deb McMurry, Janice Needham,
Laura Salvetti & Wendy Underwood

Praise Team: Kemberley Edelstein, Dane Kunkler, Elizabeth Kunkler,
Jack Lang, Gary Markestad & Karin Urbanczyk

Looking Ahead...

Tues. April 1st 7:00pm Bible Based Recovery

Wed. April 2nd 6:15pm Lenten Dinner

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayers

Tues. April 8th 5:00pm Finance Meeting

7:00pm Bible Based Recovery

Wed. April 9th 6:15pm Lenten Dinner

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayers

~Adult Choir Practice every Sunday 9:15 am~

****Children's Sunday School every Sunday from 9:30am to 10:15am****