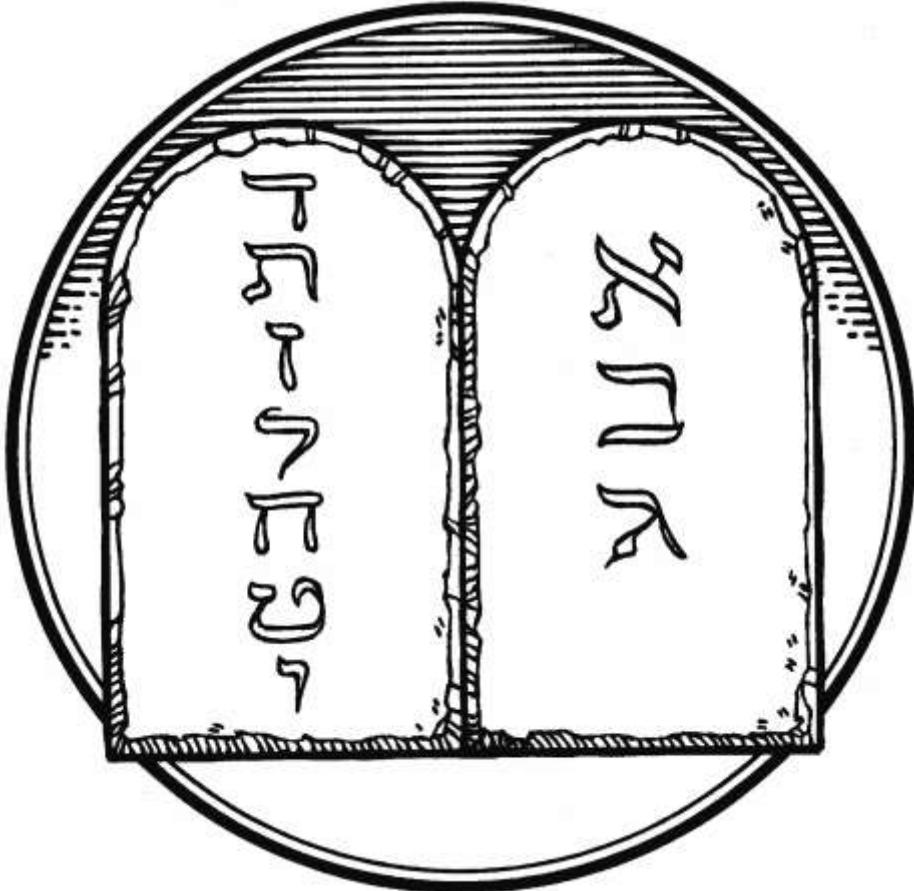


New Hope Lutheran Church  
The Sixth Sunday after Trinity  
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**NEW HOPE IS A CONGREGATION GATHERED AROUND CHRIST  
WE RECEIVE HIS FORGIVENESS IN WORD AND SACRAMENT;  
WE PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED AND RISEN;  
WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS**

## Wel come!

*We're glad you've joined us as we gather to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. We don't gather because we're perfect. 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 9.*

## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

### **Hymn of Invocation: 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come**

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|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | Salvation unto us has come<br>By God's free grace and favor;<br>Good works cannot avert our doom,<br>They help and save us never.<br>Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,<br>Who did for all the world atone;<br>He is our one Redeemer.             | 5 | Yet as the Law must be fulfilled<br>Or we must die despairing,<br>Christ came and has God's anger stilled,<br>Our human nature sharing.<br>He has for us the Law obeyed<br>And thus the Father's vengeance stayed<br>Which over us impended.                |
| 2 | What God did in His Law demand<br>And none to Him could render<br>Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand<br>For man, the vile offender.<br>Our flesh has not those pure desires<br>The spirit of the Law requires,<br>And lost is our condition.       | 6 | Since Christ has full atonement made<br>And brought to us salvation,<br>Each Christian therefore may be glad<br>And build on this foundation.<br>Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,<br>Your death is now my life indeed,<br>For You have paid my ransom. |
| 3 | It was a false, misleading dream<br>That God His Law had given<br>That sinners could themselves redeem<br>And by their works gain heaven.<br>The Law is but a mirror bright<br>To bring the inbred sin to light<br>That lurks within our nature.   | 7 | Let me not doubt, but truly see<br>Your Word cannot be broken;<br>Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"<br>No falsehood have You spoken.<br>Baptized into Your precious name,<br>My faith cannot be put to shame,<br>And I shall never perish.               |
| 4 | From sin our flesh could not abstain,<br>Sin held its sway unceasing;<br>The task was useless and in vain,<br>Our guilt was e'er increasing.<br>None can remove sin's poisoned dart<br>Or purify our guileful heart—<br>So deep is our corruption. | 8 | The Law reveals the guilt of sin<br>And makes us conscience-stricken;<br>But then the Gospel enters in<br>The sinful soul to quicken.<br>Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;<br>The Law no peace can ever give,<br>No comfort and no blessing.       |

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;  
All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.

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*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 28:1–2, 7; antiphon: vv. 8–9*



The LORD is the strength of his | people;\*  
he is the saving refuge of his a- | noined.

**Save your people and bless your | heritage!\***

**Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.**

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\*

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.

**Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,\***

**when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.**

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;\*  
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

**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 LORD is the strength of his | people;\*  
he is the saving refuge of his a- | noined.

Save your people and bless your | heritage!\*

Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*

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

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

*Exodus 20:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.



## Alleluia

LSB 190



## Verse of the Day

Psalm 31:1

**P** Alleluia. In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! Alleluia.

## Alleluia

LSB 190



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:17–26

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



<sup>17</sup>[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

**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 † of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

### Hymn of the Day: 562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

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| 1 | All mankind fell in Adam's fall;<br>One common sin infects us all.<br>From one to all the curse descends,<br>And over all God's wrath impends. | 2 | Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps<br>And us in dreadful bondage keeps;<br>In guilt we draw our infant breath<br>And reap its fruits of woe and death. |
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3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone,  
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;  
God's image lost, the darkened soul  
Seeks not nor finds its heav'nly goal.

4 But Christ, the second Adam, came  
To bear our sin and woe and shame,  
To be our life, our light, our way,  
Our only hope, our only stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell  
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
So by one Man, who took our place,  
We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,  
New light, new hope, new strength, new  
pow'rs.  
This grace our ev'ry way attend  
Until we reach our journey's end.

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### Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*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.

### Prayer of the Church

## 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 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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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.

- 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 Hymn: 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace**

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| <p>1 May God bestow on us His grace,<br/>         With blessings rich provide us;<br/>         And may the brightness of His face<br/>         To life eternal guide us,<br/>         That we His saving health may know,<br/>         His gracious will and pleasure,<br/>         And also to the nations show<br/>         Christ's riches without measure<br/>         And unto God convert them.</p> <p>2 Thine over all shall be the praise<br/>         And thanks of ev'ry nation;<br/>         And all the world with joy shall raise<br/>         The voice of exultation.<br/>         For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,<br/>         Nor suffer sin to flourish;<br/>         Thy people's pasture is Thy Word<br/>         Their souls to feed and nourish,<br/>         In righteous paths to keep them.</p> | <p>△ 3 O let the people praise Thy worth,<br/>         In all good works increasing;<br/>         The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,<br/>         Thy Word is rich in blessing.<br/>         May God the Father, God the Son,<br/>         And God the Spirit bless us!<br/>         Let all the world praise Him alone,<br/>         Let solemn awe possess us.<br/>         Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"</p> |
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**Distribution Hymn: 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized**

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| <p>1 All who believe and are baptized<br/>         Shall see the Lord's salvation;<br/>         Baptized into the death of Christ,<br/>         They are a new creation.<br/>         Through Christ's redemption they shall stand<br/>         Among the glorious, heav'nly band<br/>         Of ev'ry tribe and nation.</p> | <p>2 With one accord, O God, we pray:<br/>         Grant us Your Holy Spirit.<br/>         Help us in our infirmity<br/>         Through Jesus' blood and merit.<br/>         Grant us to grow in grace each day<br/>         That by this sacrament we may<br/>         Eternal life inherit.</p> |
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## Distribution Hymn: 572 In the Shattered Bliss of Eden

- 1 In the shattered bliss of Eden  
Dawned the day of sacrifice,  
As our primal parents shuddered—  
Sin had caused this dreadful price!  
Faith embarked with this discernment:  
Only God can cover sin,  
As He took their leafy garments  
And He clothed their shame with skin.
- 2 Days and months and years unfolding  
Clearly showed what sin had wrought:  
Fallen Adam's children learning  
Lessons fallen parents taught.  
All these sacrificial off'rings  
Crested as a crimson flood:  
Patriarchs and priests atoning  
For their sins with cleansing blood.
- 3 What these sacrifices promised  
From a God who sought to bless,  
Came at last—a second Adam—  
Priest and King of Righteousness:  
Son of God, incarnate Savior,  
Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,  
Who in naked shame would offer  
On the cross His blood outpoured.
- 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sinners,  
Host, who spreads this meal divine,  
Here You pledge our sins are covered,  
Pledge received in bread and wine:  
“Take and eat; this is My body,  
Given on the cross for you.  
Take and drink; this cup of blessing  
Is My blood poured out for you.”
- 5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven  
Known by saints around the throne,  
Where the Lamb, in closest union,  
Lives to love and feed His own.  
From His riven side forever  
Flows the purest stream of love,  
Love that robes us with the raiment  
Worn by all who feast above.
- 6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,  
Gone the age of sacrifice;  
Ours the time of grace and favor,  
Ours the call to paradise!  
Ever, Lord, impress upon us:  
Only You can cover sin—  
Take our worthless, self-made garments;  
Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

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*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

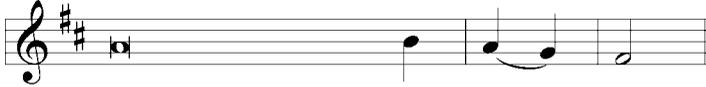
*LSB 199*

- 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

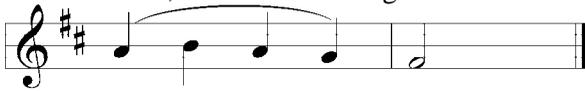
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**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: 581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands

- 1 These are the holy Ten Commands  
God gave to us by Moses' hands  
When high on Sinai's mount he stood,  
Receiving them for our good.  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 2 "I am alone your God, the Lord;  
No other gods shall be adored.  
But you shall fully trust in Me  
And love Me wholeheartedly."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 3 "Do not My holy name disgrace,  
Do not My Word of truth debase.  
Praise only that as good and true  
Which I Myself say and do."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 4 "You shall observe the worship day  
That peace may fill your home, and pray,  
And put aside the work you do,  
So that God may work in you."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 5 "You are to honor and obey  
Your father, mother, ev'ry day,  
Serve them each way that comes to hand;  
You'll then live long in the land."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 6 "You shall not murder, hurt, nor hate;  
Your anger dare not dominate.  
Be kind and patient; help, defend,  
And treat your foe as your friend."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 7 "Be faithful to your marriage vow;  
No lust or impure thoughts allow.  
Keep all your conduct free from sin  
By self-controlled discipline."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 8 "You shall not steal or take away  
What others worked for night and day,  
But open wide a gen'rous hand  
And help the poor in the land."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 9 "Bear no false witness nor defame  
Your neighbor nor destroy his name,  
But view him in the kindest way;  
Speak truth in all that you say."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 10 "You shall not crave your neighbor's  
house  
Nor covet money, goods, or spouse.  
Pray God He would your neighbor bless  
As you yourself wish success."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 11 You have this Law to see therein  
That you have not been free from sin  
But also that you clearly see  
How pure toward God life should be.  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 12 Our works cannot salvation gain;  
They merit only endless pain.  
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,  
Who pleads for us endlessly.  
Have mercy, Lord!

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# New Hope News and Notes



## July 12, 2020 Stewardship

Giving: General Fund: \$3,797 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,959)  
Mortgage: \$2,070 (Remaining: \$110,932)

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 21	Board of Education, 6:45 pm
Wednesday, July 22	Bible Study, 6 pm
Sunday, July 26	Divine Service, 9 am (also online and in the church parking lot).

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Birthdays:** Tina Bodner – July 19; Michelle Bowman – July 24.

**Anniversaries:** Kent and Donna Myers – July 23.

**Military personnel:** Tristan Graft, Peter McKinney (son of Randy & Diana Buuck), Damon Topp (grandson of Randy & Diana Buuck), Nick Stephey and Denver Burkley (grandsons of Joey Septer).

**Members and catechumens of our congregation:** Cynthia Miller, Leona Meyer, Nancy Small, Adelia Hoffmeier, Thelma Yager, Keith Fuller, Marty Adam, Tammy Saalfrank, Carol Schumacher, Marilyn Kimmel, Michelle Bowman, Russell Sponseller.

**Friends and family of the members of our congregation:** Susan Gaines, Alice Jacobs, Makenzie Webb (granddaughter of Carol Schumacher), Gracie Myers (granddaughter of Kent and Donna Myers), Terry Brown (brother-in-law of John Hartup), Johnny Johnson (husband of Candace Johnson), Jody Ford (friend of Randy and Tammy Saalfrank), Tom Bailey (father of Lori Bauermeister), Megan Dunham (daughter of Dave and Michelle Bowman), Bruce McBride (son-in-law of Connie Johnson), Charlie Kees (grandson of Randy and Diana Buuck), Michael Johnson (son of Marjorie Johnson), Chad Grieser (son-in-law of Duane and Jeani Klaus), Isabella Smith (great-niece of Lori Bauermeister), Dick Alfeld (father of Chris Alfeld), Beth Garman (friend of Diana Buuck), Gary Carnes (father of Karen Peck), Dayle Adamo (sister of Don Ferrell).

**SCRIP** – If you would like to purchase Scrip gift cards, please call Janice Braun - 260-602-5175.

**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. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**ONLINE CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY...** You're invited to watch the Virtual Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25. Speakers

include: Mark & Mollie Hemingway; Robert George; Matt Walsh; Hans Fiene; and Bryan Wolfmueller. Registration is \$135 and includes the ability to watch live and on-demand. For more information, visit [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.

**COMMUNION** – Because many members missed communion when our service size was limited to 10 or fewer and because we do not know whether service sizes will be limited to 10 in the future, we are offering communion every week. This gives our members the opportunity to be strengthened in faith and love through the body and blood of Jesus more frequently as we face this pestilence.

**SERVICE ASSISTANTS NEEDED** – Due to health concerns during this pestilence, many members who usually assist with ushering, altar guild, and sound are not available to help. If you are able to be a part of the altar guild, serve as an usher, run the sound board, or monitor the live stream/recording of our service, please call the church office at 260-622-7954.

“**The Pentecost season** is the longest season of the Church Year. It can be as long as 27 weeks, depending on the date of Easter. The liturgical color of the Pentecost season is green, denoting the growth of the branches as we are sustained and fed by the Vine.

“As one considers the Gospel readings appointed for the Sundays after Pentecost, three major theological themes emerge. The first theme, uniting the seven Sundays after the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, is that of the miracles of Jesus interspersed with His teachings about the true Church. In these we see the great wonders performed by our Lord as evidence of His Divinity, and His will to continue His miraculous works as He comes to us now in His Means of Grace, strengthening and growing His Church. His Redeemed live out their earthly lives with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith....”

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