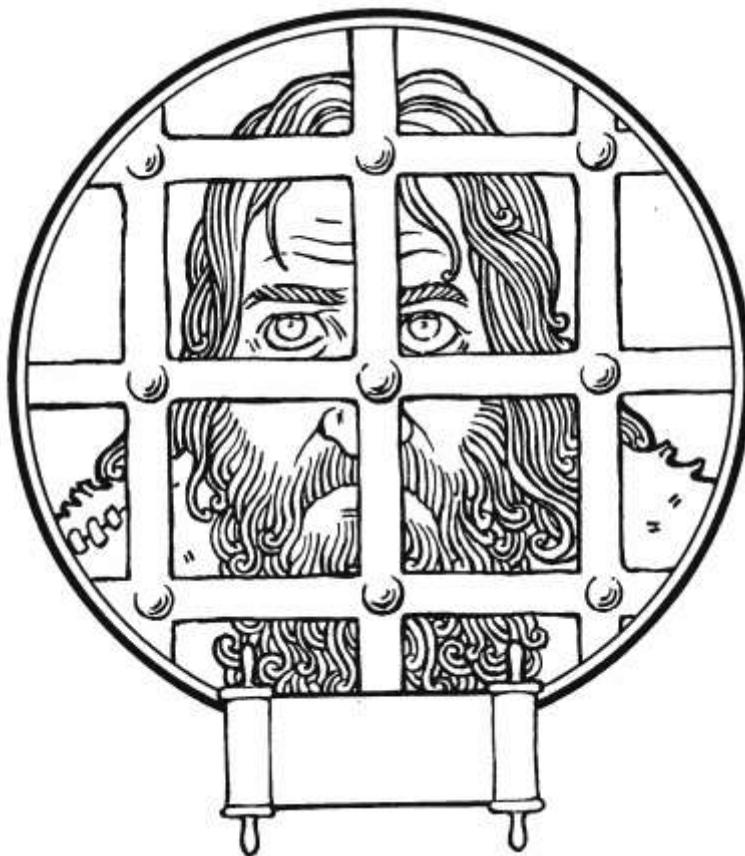


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WE PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED AND RISEN;  
WE LOVE AS CHRIST LOVES;  
WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS**

## 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 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: 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re-joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'rings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.  
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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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.



**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.**

Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*  
again I will | say, Rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.\*  
The Lord | is at hand.

## 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.



**<sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your | people;\***  
**you covered | all their sin.**

<sup>3</sup>You withdrew | all your wrath;\*  
you turned from your hot | anger.

**<sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,\***  
**and put away your indignation | toward us!**

<sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us for- | ever?\*

Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?

**<sup>6</sup>Will you not revive | us again,\***  
**that your people may re- | joice in you?**

<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

**<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\***  
**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;**  
**but let them not turn back to | folly.**

<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell | in our land.

**<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;\***  
**righteousness and peace kiss each | other.**

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,\*  
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.

**<sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,\***  
**and our land will yield its | increase.**

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go be- | fore him\*  
and make his foot- | steps a way.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 4:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup>Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. <sup>3</sup>But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup>I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup>Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:2–11*

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



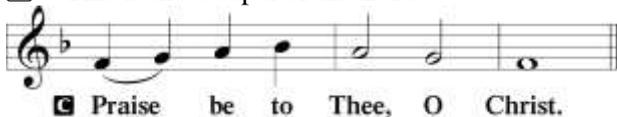
<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you.”

<sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

**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: 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

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| 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!<br>"Christ is near," we hear it say.<br>"Cast away the works of darkness,<br>All you children of the day!" | 4 So, when next He comes in glory<br>And the world is wrapped in fear,<br>He will shield us with His mercy<br>And with words of love draw near. |
| 2 Startled at the solemn warning,<br>Let the earthbound soul arise;<br>Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,<br>Shines upon the morning skies.   | △ 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion<br>To the Father and the Son<br>With the ever-living Spirit<br>While eternal ages run!                        |
| 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected,<br>Comes with pardon down from heav'n.<br>Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,<br>One and all, to be forgiv'n;  |   |

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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.

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

**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.*

*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, 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 195

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

### Pax Domini

LSB 197

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



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Sit*

### Distribution Hymn: 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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| 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,<br>Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,<br>Come into the daylight's splendor,<br>There with joy your praises render.<br>Bless the One whose grace unbounded<br>This amazing banquet founded;<br>He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,<br>Deigns to dwell with you most lowly. | 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,<br>And with loving rev'ence greet Him.<br>For with words of life immortal<br>He is knocking at your portal.<br>Open wide the gates before Him,<br>Saying, as you there adore Him:<br>Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,<br>That I nevermore will leave You. |
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3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.

4 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love required;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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## Distribution Hymn: 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus  
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each  
 3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert  
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing  
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no  
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the  
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem  
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,  
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her  
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."  
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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## Hymn: 639 Wide Open Stand the Gates



1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While  
 2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This  
 3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While



round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in  
is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and  
saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose



end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!  
drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.  
face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.



They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait - ing earth.  
All hu - man thought must fal - ter— Our God stoops low to heal,  
This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,



The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!  
Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!  
Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

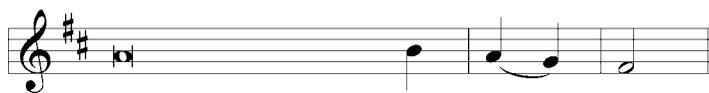
*LSB 199*

- 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.

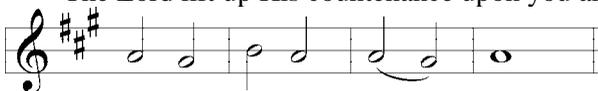
### Benediction

*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: 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

△ 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.



## New Hope News and Notes

### December 6, 2020 Stewardship

Giving: General Fund: \$5,420 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,959)  
Mortgage: \$0 (Remaining Debt: \$103,775)



### Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 13  
Wednesday, December 16

New Testament Basics, 11:30 am  
Bible Study, 6 pm

#### **Advent Evening Prayer Service, 6:30 pm**

New Testament Basics, 7:30 pm

#### **Divine Service, 8 am (Masks required)**

Old Testament Basics, 8:45 am

#### **Divine Service 10 am (Masks optional)**

(also online and in the church parking lot).

New Testament Basics, 11:30 pm

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Birthdays:** Carol Schumacher – Dec. 17; Karen Peck – Dec. 18.

**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), Ethan and Rodney Bearman (friends of Randy & Diana Buuck).

**Members and catechumens of our congregation:** Cynthia Miller, Leona Meyer, Nancy Small, Thelma Yager, Keith Fuller, Tammy Saalfrank, Carol Schumacher, Marilyn Kimmel, Michelle Bowman, Russell Sponseller, Duane Klaus, Marjorie Johnson.

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**SCRIP** – Our church received \$45.57 for the church mortgage from Scrip sales in September and October. If you would like to purchase Scrip gift cards, please call Janice Braun - 260-602-5175.

**BREAD AND BAKING MIXES FOR SALE...** Mary Martha ladies will be selling breads and baking mixes in jars **today**. These are tasty and make great gifts. The breads will keep in your refrigerator and the mixes will keep in your pantry for weeks.

**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.

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**JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES** (*Unless otherwise noted, masks are optional.*)

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight (***Masks required***), **6:30 pm**

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight, **9 pm**

**December 25:** Christmas Day Divine Service, **10 am**

**December 27:** First Sunday of Christmas Divine Service, **10 am**

**December 31:** New Year's Eve/Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus, **6:30 pm**

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