

New Hope Lutheran Church
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The Fourth Sunday in Advent
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**NEW HOPE IS A CONGREGATION UNITED IN CHRIST
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 8.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 346 When All the World Was Cursed



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,
2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,
3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.
Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.
Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.
The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,
By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,
Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,
That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.
He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:
Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.
Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

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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 \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G 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 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 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.

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

¹⁵“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—¹⁶just 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.’¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸I 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.¹⁹And

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.

Psalm (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9



¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

²**Great are the works | of the LORD,***
studied by all who de- | light in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

⁴**He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;***
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who | fear him;,*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

⁶**He has shown his people the power | of his works,***
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;,*
all his precepts are | trustworthy;

⁸**they are established forever and | ever,***
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;**
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*
His praise endures for- | ever!

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And 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

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.



³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah,
⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,
⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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

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| 1 | O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. <i>Refrain</i> | 3 | O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. <i>Refrain</i> |
| <i>Refrain:</i> Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel! | | 4 | O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
<i>Refrain</i> |
| 2 | O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. <i>Refrain</i> | 5 | O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. <i>Refrain</i> |

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: 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story: *Refrain*

Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!

2 God's people, see Him coming:
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

3 Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him! *Refrain*

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

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Distribution Hymn: 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee. *Refrain*

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*

4 Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master
With aid and comfort e'er is near.
Refrain

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
O blessèd, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

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Hymn: 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.

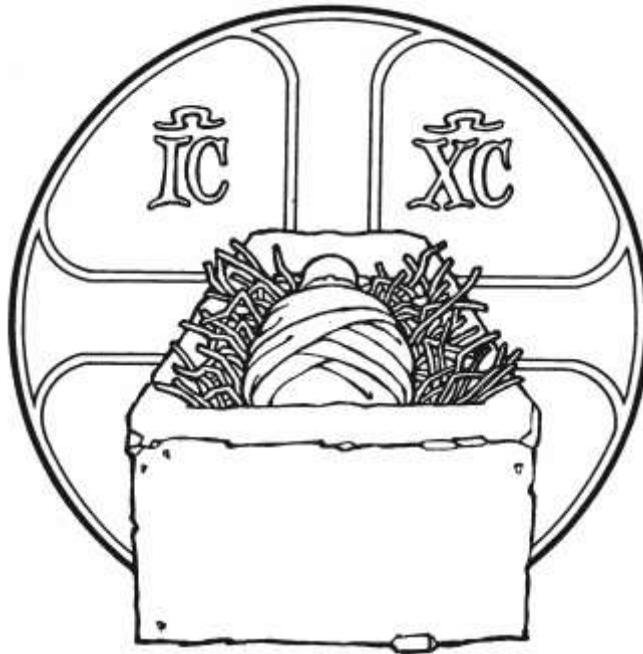
3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;

Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

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.

△ 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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Hymn: 642 O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
 2 My Lord, You here have led - me To this most
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed - me
 death de - stroy, And You have free - ly grant - ed
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

☩ 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: 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

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| 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth. | 5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown. |
| 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh. | 6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul. |
| 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne. | 7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides. |
| 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began. | △ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity. |

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New Hope News and Notes



December 13, 2020 Stewardship

Giving: General Fund: \$2,850 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,959)
Mortgage: \$710 (Remaining Debt: \$103,065)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 20	New Testament Basics, 11:30 am
Wednesday, December 23	No Bible Study, Service, or Confirmation
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:30 pm (Masks required) Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 9:00 pm (Masks optional)
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day Divine Service, 10 am (Masks optional)
Sunday, December 27	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: Jacob Graft – Dec. 21; Randy Siples – Dec. 23; Tina Bauermeister – Dec. 25.

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.

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), 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), Michael Johnson (son of Marjorie Johnson), Isabella Smith (great-niece of Lori Bauermeister), Beth Garman (friend of Diana Buuck), Gary Carnes (father of Karen Peck), Hadley Schumaker (great-niece of Lee Ann Siples), Sheila Park (mother of Katie Todd), Scott and Cathy Lochner and family (friends of Tina Bauermeister), Todd Kiser (brother of Tina Bodner), Ben Aeschliman (cousin of

Lori Bauermeister), Mike and Deb Buuck (brother and sister-in-law of Randy Buuck), Darrell, Madison, and Brooke (brother and nieces of Lori Bauermeister).

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.

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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**

BLESSED IN JESUS CAMPAIGN UPDATE. Thank you to all who have made extra contributions this year to pay off the mortgage. Between regular payments and extra contributions we are now nearing the point where we owe less than \$100,000. Thanks be to God! – Tony Bauermeister, Stewardship Committee Chairman

POINSETTIAS – Please consider donating a red poinsettia (no glitter, please) or the funds to purchase poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for our Christmas services. Just leave your poinsettia on the table near the carport entrance any time before our Christmas Eve service. Thank you to those who have already donated!