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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**

# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

## Hymn of Invocation: 491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

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| 1 Up through endless ranks of angels,<br>Cries of triumph in His ears,<br>To His heav'nly throne ascending,<br>Having vanquished all their fears,<br>Christ looks down upon His faithful,<br>Leaving them in happy tears. | 3 To our lives of wanton wand'ring<br>Send Your Spirit, promised guide;<br>Through our lives of fear and failure<br>With Your pow'r and love abide;<br>Welcome us, as You were welcomed,<br>To an endless Eastertide. |
| 2 Death-destroying, life-restoring,<br>Proven equal to our need,<br>Now for us before the Father<br>As our brother intercede;<br>Flesh that for our world was wounded,<br>Living, for the wounded plead!                  | △ 4 Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Oh, to see the Father's face!<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!  |

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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.

**G** Amen.

## Service of the Word

**Introit** (*Congregation sings text in bold*)

*Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*



God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

**The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,\*  
until I make your enemies your | footstool.”**

The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,\*  
“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”

**The Lord is at your | right hand;\***  
**he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.**

**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.**

God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

**Kyrie** (*Sung*)

*LSB 186*

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

**Gloria in Excelsis** (*Sung*)

*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.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Acts 1:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** (*Congregation sings text in bold*) *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*



Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

**He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\***

**he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**A** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Verse of the Day

*Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b*

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**A** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**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 † of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build**

1 On Christ's ascension I now build  
The hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled  
All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well  
I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.

2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne,  
Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in Him alone,  
No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before,  
There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.

3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,  
Recalling Your ascension,  
That I may serve You faithfully  
In thanks for my redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease,  
Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.

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**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**☐ 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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**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.



Agnus Dei (*Sung*)

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: 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

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| <p>1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;<br/>             His the scepter, His the throne;<br/>             Alleluia! His the triumph,<br/>             His the victory alone.<br/>             Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion<br/>             Thunder like a mighty flood:<br/>             "Jesus out of ev'ry nation<br/>             Has redeemed us by His blood."</p>                     | <p>3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,<br/>             Here on earth our food, our stay;<br/>             Alleluia! Here the sinful<br/>             Flee to You from day to day.<br/>             Intercessor, Friend of sinners,<br/>             Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea<br/>             Where the songs of all the sinless<br/>             Sweep across the crystal sea.</p>    |
| <p>2 Alleluia! Not as orphans<br/>             Are we left in sorrow now;<br/>             Alleluia! He is near us;<br/>             Faith believes, nor questions how.<br/>             Though the cloud from sight received Him<br/>             When the forty days were o'er,<br/>             Shall our hearts forget His promise:<br/>             "I am with you evermore"?"</p> | <p>4 Alleluia! King eternal,<br/>             Lord omnipotent we own;<br/>             Alleluia! Born of Mary,<br/>             Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.<br/>             As within the veil You entered,<br/>             Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,<br/>             Here on earth both priest and victim<br/>             In the eucharistic feast.</p> |

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

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### Distribution Hymn: 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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| 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!<br>New hymns throughout the world shall ring:<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Christ, by a road before untrod,<br>Ascends unto the throne of God.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!    | 4 “You see Him now, ascending high<br>Up to the portals of the sky.”<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>“Hereafter Jesus you shall see<br>Returning in great majesty.”<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!            |
| 2 The holy apostolic band<br>Upon the Mount of Olives stand.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>And with His faithful foll’wers see<br>Their Lord ascend in majesty.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!                   | 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,<br>And be our future great reward.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Then, throned with You forever, we<br>Shall praise Your name eternally.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  |
| 3 To them the shining angels cry,<br>“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>“This is the Savior,” thus they say;<br>“This is His glorious triumph day!”<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | △ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,<br>All praise to You let earth accord:<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>You are, while endless ages run,<br>With Father and with Spirit one.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |

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*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** (*Sung*)

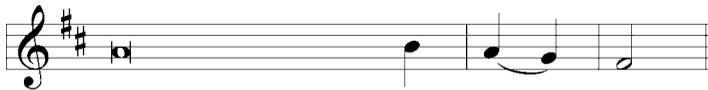
*LSB 199*

- ☐ 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: 494 See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph

- 1 See, the Lord ascends in triumph;  
Conqu'ring King in royal state,  
Riding on the clouds, His chariot,  
To His heav'nly palace gate.  
Hark! The choirs of angel voices  
Joyful alleluias sing,  
And the portals high are lifted  
To receive their heav'nly King.
- 2 Who is this that comes in glory  
With the trump of jubilee?  
Lord of battles, God of armies,  
He has gained the victory.  
He who on the cross did suffer,  
He who from the grave arose,  
He has vanquished sin and Satan;  
He by death has crushed His foes.
- 3 While He lifts His hands in blessing,  
He is parted from His friends;  
While their eager eyes behold Him,  
He upon the clouds ascends.  
He who walked with God and pleased Him,  
Preaching truth and doom to come,  
He, our Enoch, is translated  
To His everlasting home.
- 4 Now our heav'nly Aaron enters  
With His blood within the veil;  
Joshua now is come to Canaan,  
And the kings before Him quail.  
Now He plants the tribes of Israel  
In their promised resting place;  
Now our great Elijah offers  
Double portion of His grace.
- 5 He has raised our human nature  
On the clouds to God's right hand;  
There we sit in heav'nly places,  
There with Him in glory stand.  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;  
Man with God is on the throne.  
By our mighty Lord's ascension  
We by faith behold our own.

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