

New Hope Lutheran Church
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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**

Welcome!

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: 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'lings
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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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 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b*



God is in his holy habi- | tation;*
 [he] settles the solitary | in a home.
The God of Israel—he | is the one*
who gives power and strength to his | people.
 God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*
 and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!
But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*
they shall be jubilant | with joy!
 O God, when you went out before your | people,*

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.
Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*

God is our sal- | vation.
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 is in his holy habi- | tation;*
[he] settles the solitary | in a home.
The God of Israel—he | is the one*
who gives power and strength to his | people.

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’lly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that taketh away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that taketh 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 and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things

that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 28:7b, 1a, 2a



In [God] my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 90:1

P Alleluia. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Alleluia.

Alleluia

LSB 190

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9–14

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

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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: 559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

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| 1 | Oh, how great is Your compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we
Might be saved eternally! | 4 | Lord, Your mercy will not leave me;
Ever will Your truth abide.
Then in You I will confide.
Since Your Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me
Safe and sure eternally. |
| 2 | Your great love for this has striven
That we may, from sin made free,
Live with You eternally.
Your dear Son Himself has given
And extends His gracious call,
To His supper leads us all. | 5 | I will praise Your great compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we
Might be saved eternally. |
| 3 | Firmly to our soul's salvation
Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,
In Your Sacraments and Word.
There He sends true consolation,
Giving us the gift of faith
That we fear not hell nor death. | | |

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Sermon

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.**

Reception of New Member

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:

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

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: 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
 For weak and weary is my soul;
 Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
 To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

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

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
 That sinners may salvation see
 Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
 So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*

- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
 Because I have a sinful heart,
 Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
 For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
 With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
 Receive me graciously and gladden
 My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?
 It is faith's bond and solid base;
 It is the strength of heart and spirit,
 The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

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Distribution Hymn: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

- 1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
- 5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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Hymn: 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

- 1 Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.

Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

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

Nunc Dimitis

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,

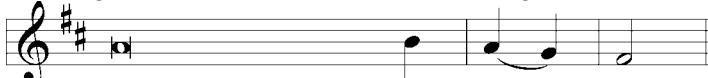
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a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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.

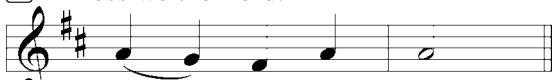


C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

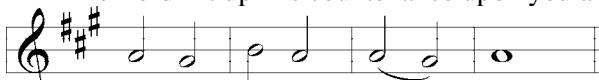
Benediction

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: 585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light,
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
- 2 In these last days of great distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent
Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace
Into each dark and loveless place.
- 4 May glorious truths that we have heard,
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,
Bold, unified in act and song.
- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or
things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life
through—
Your Word alone our heart's defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

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New Hope News and Notes



August 16, 2020 Stewardship

Giving:

General Fund: \$3,725 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,959)

Mortgage: \$70 (Remaining Debt: \$109,902)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 25

Wednesday, August 26

Thursday, August 27

Sunday, August 30

Mary Martha, 10 am

Bible Study, 6 pm

Evening Prayer Service, 7 pm

New Testament Catechesis, 7:30 pm

Council, 6:30 pm

Divine Service, 9 am

(also online and in the church parking lot).

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Birthdays: Luke Wallis – Aug. 24; Pastor Burfiend – Aug. 28.

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), Beth Garman (friend of Diana Buuck), Gary Carnes (father of Karen Peck), Hadley Schumaker (great-niece of Lee Ann Siples).

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

MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY... LCMS Pastor Will Weedon is leading a Bible study on the Book of Matthew. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: Divorce, Oaths, Retaliation, Loving Your Enemies and Giving to the Needy. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, on your favorite podcast provider and on the LPR mobile app.

BEER & WINE TASTING EVENT - Saturday, September 12, 2020 – To benefit the Wyneken House – Location 11730 NW Winchester Rd., Decatur IN – Gates open at 5:30, Event will run 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 (Pre-sale) and \$25 (at the door). Enjoy Food, Wine and Beer Tasting, a large Silent Auction, and touring of the Friedrich Wyneken Home at your leisure. The event will be held in tents and the open air. Masks and social distancing will be recommended and a cash bar will be available. Contact Tina or Alice Bauermeister for tickets or information, or to donate a Silent Auction item OR Telephone/text 260-437-0420.

NOW HIRING: Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is seeking individuals to serve in the following areas: Food service (Cook) and day-time janitorial. Please contact Principal Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org for more information.

OUTDOOR FELLOWSHIP – Please join us after church under the tent near Wood Creek Drive for refreshments and fellowship. Thank you to Randy and Diana Buuck for organizing this!

CHURCH GROWTH - Our church “grows” as our members “**grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**” (2 Peter 3:18b, NKJV). Whether we grow in total numbers or not, we grow and are strengthened by our Lord through His Word and Sacrament. So that we may grow together as a church, I will offer a series of three studies – Old Testament, New Testament, and Didache (a topical study of Christian faith and life). Old Testament and New Testament will both be offered this fall, beginning September 13 (Another New Testmant Class is already taking place on Wednesdays at 7:30 and anyone is welcome to attend). Each study will consist of a series of classes that give you some of the basic tools and history needed to understand the Bible and how you live the Christian life. More information on this and other opportunities to grow in Christ will be coming soon! I pray that all our members will be able to attend and grow together as God’s people. -Pastor

“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....

“In the [eighth through the 18th Sundays after Trinity], we see the miracles of our Lord interspersed with His teachings regarding the Kingdom of God. Here we learn that the Kingdom of God is not like the Kingdom of the World, and we are shown the signs of both - the Kingdom of the World is marked by false prophets, unjust stewards, Pharisees and lepers; the Kingdom of God is marked by true Prophets, by repentance and faith, by healing and humility, and by love for God and neighbor....”

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