New Hope Lutheran Church



Liturgy of Holy Communion Fourth Sunday in Lent March 19th, 2023

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A Word to our Visitors

Welcome to New Hope Lutheran Church-ELCA. We are grateful you chose to worship with us and hope that you will experience the joy of God's life-changing love today. Whether looking for a church home, curious about the Christian Faith or visiting with Family, you are welcome here. Please fill out a Connection Card, located inside your bulletin, so we might better communicate with you. They can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. Please stop by the visitor booth in the lobby for information about any of New Hope's ministries. We have a children's sermon and then Children's Church for preschool - 3rd grade. Childcare is available for infants through age 3. If you are in need of childcare, please speak to one of our ushers.

ALL are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. We invite you to come forward as the ushers instruct and stand or kneel at the altar. You will receive the bread in your hand and a small cup of wine or juice. Wine is also available from the Common Cup. After communing you are invited to rise and return to your seat by way of the side aisle.

New Hope Lutheran Church has been planted in Keller for over 25 years. We are energized by our mission to pass on the faith, serve our community, worship God and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. We pray your time with us today will inspire and challenge you to live out your faith in daily life and join us as we live out our mission to *Boldly Share God's Word!*

Pastor Miles Holder
Scott Martin, Parish Lay Minister
Diana Perez, New Hope Christian School Director
Bruno Ribeiro, Music Director
Charlene Starr, Administrative Assistant

Prelude Call to Worship

The assembly stands.

Here I am to Worship (Sung)

Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.
Here I am to worship.

Welcome

We welcome all those who gather to worship this morning, both here in person, and those joining us on Facebook Live. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. We extend a special welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning. We're so pleased that you have chosen to gather here to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Confession and Forgiveness

Mark 28:19b; 18&20

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God Is Here!

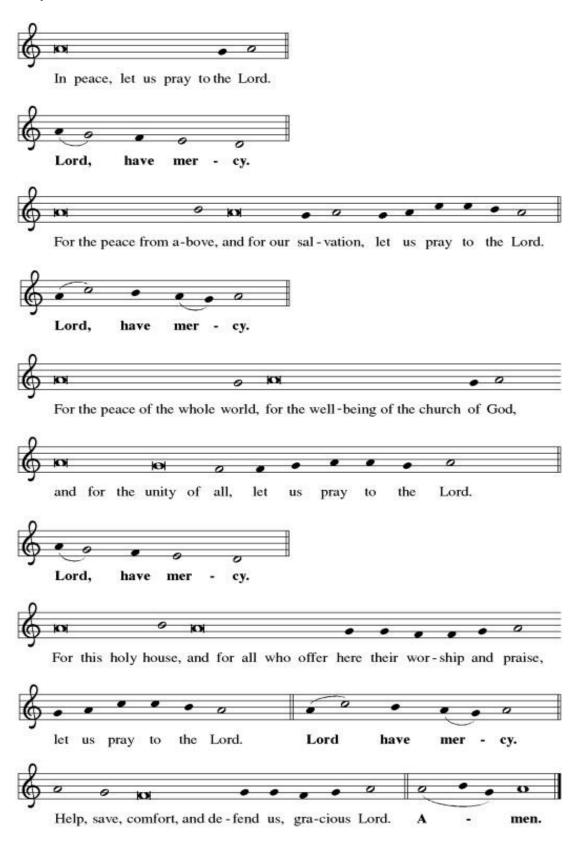


Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



Canticle of Praise



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons. '2 Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' ⁵He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L: Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23(read bold text responsively)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
- ³ he restores my soul.

 He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Ephesians 5:8-14

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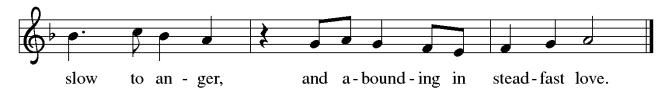
⁸ For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—
⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

^{&#}x27;Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.





Gospel

P:The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord

John 9:1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8 The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' 10 But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' 11 He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight. They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' 16 Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' ¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?'

²⁰ His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' ²⁵ He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' ²⁶ They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' ²⁷ He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from. ³⁰ The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing. ³⁴ They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' ³⁶ He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' ³⁷ Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' ³⁸ He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' 41 Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Church

Sermon

Pastor Miles Holder

The assembly is seated.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Apostles' Creed

A: Let us confess the faith of the Church with the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Amen

Prayers Of Intercession

A: Merciful God

C: Receive our prayer

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

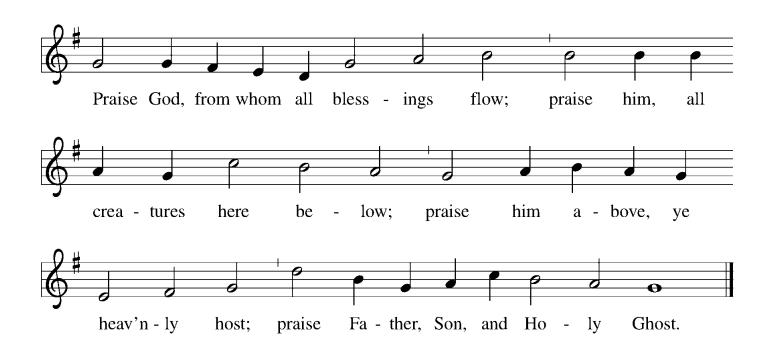
C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

In response to God's Good News of grace and abundance freely given to us in Christ Jesus, we return joyfully our first fruits for the mission of New Hope Lutheran Church, including the wider expressions of the whole body of Christ and the care of those in need. Please place your offering in the plate located near the Christ candle at any time during or after Worship.



Offering Prayer

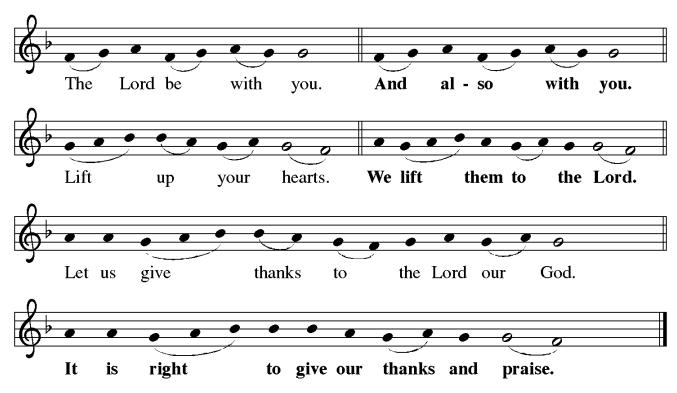
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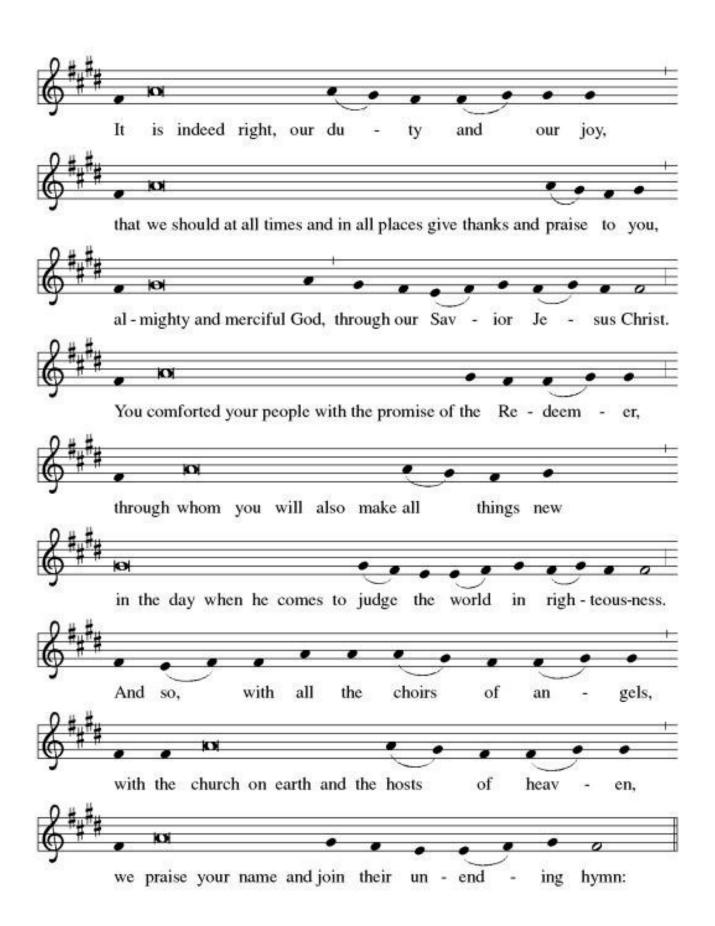
God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

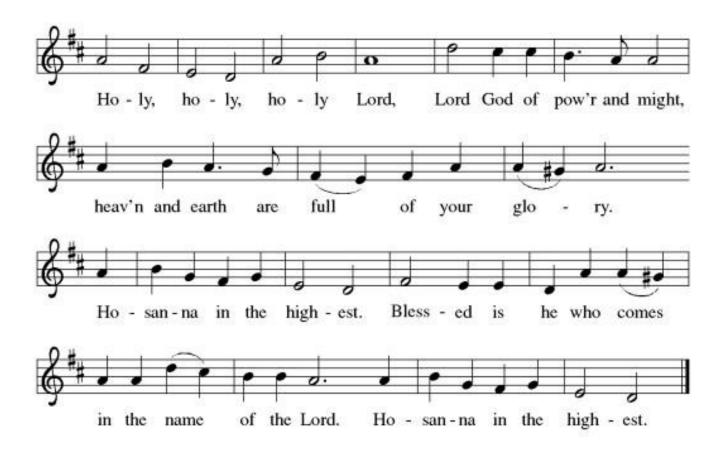
Amen.

Meal Great Thanksgiving

2nd Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136







The presiding minister prays the words of institution *Matthew 26:26-28*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

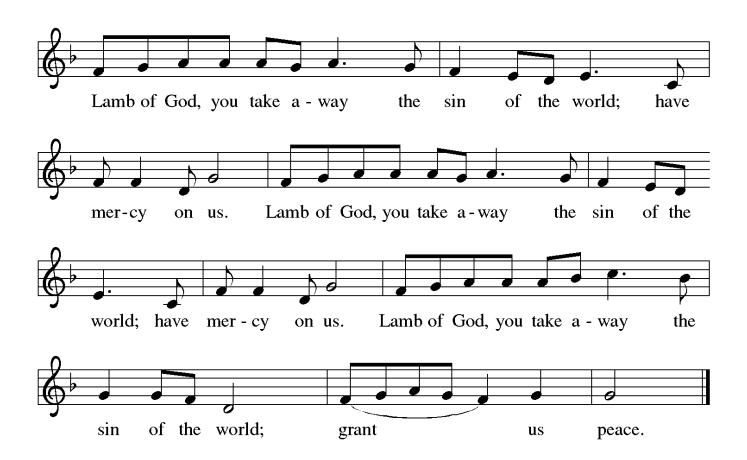
We practice open communion at New Hope. Jesus is the host for this meal and is present in the bread and the wine. He invites you to come and receive the body of Christ given for you, and the blood of Christ shed for you. Forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in this meal. Children who have not yet received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. You will receive bread from the pastor, then either wine or grape juice. Please let the ushers know if you are in need of communion at your seat.

Invitation to Communion

P: The bread is broken and the wine is poured. Come to the Lord's table of love, mercy and forgiveness for all is now made ready.

Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God" John 1:29



Oh, The Blood

O the blood, crimson love, Price of life's demand; shameful sin placed on Him, the Hope of ev'ry man.

O the blood of Jesus washes me. O the blood of Jesus shed for me; What a sacrifice that saved my life! Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

Savior, Son, Holy One, Slain so I can live; O see the Lamb, the great I Am, Who takes away my sin.

O the blood of Jesus washes me. O the blood of Jesus shed for me; What a sacrifice that saved my life! Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

O what love, no greater love; Grace, how can it be That in my sin, yes even then, He shed His blood for me?

O the blood of Jesus washes me. O the blood of Jesus shed for me; What a sacrifice that saved my life! Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

Table Blessing

P: And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace, now and unto eternal life.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray...

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Announcements

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



Dismissal

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Boldly Sharing God's Word Come as You Are! Come Make a Difference! Come to Belong!

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New Hope Happenings

Easter Choir Opportunities

Special Children's Choir Easter Sunday: April 9th 10:30 Service. We would like to invite all children (of all ages) to join our Children's Easter Choir. We will be working on 3 songs for this joyful Easter service. We will practice Sunday mornings at 9am March 26th and April 2nd. Final practice April 9th at 9:00am.

There will be YouTube videos so that they can practice at home and if they have to miss a Sunday practice or two due to illness or family needs they will still be able to participate.

Sunday school is right after practices at 9:30 and church service starts at 10:30.

Easter Sunday Adult Choir:

We would like to invite Teens and Adults that would like to join us to sing on Easter. This is a great opportunity to share your gifts with everyone and even if you can't commit year round but could just for this joyous day we would love to have you! Practice starts at 9:15am on Sundays. Easter music practice will start March 5th.

We will also be working on a song for Good Friday during these Sunday mornings but understand if you cant sing both days. We look forward to seeing you Sunday!

- We need help cleaning up the coffee bar after service. If you are able to help out a Sunday or two please use the sign up sheet in the Narthex.
- Join us at New Hope for a family movie night April 5th from 6-8pm.
 Drinks and popcorn are provided. Come in your jammies and bring your blankets and pillows to watch The Lion of Judah.
- The next 4th Saturday Dining Out is March 25th 5:30pm at Mi Pueblos in NRH. Sign up sheet in the Narthex.
- Please use the flyer in the bulletin to order Easter lilies. You can place it
 in the offering plate when filled out.

Prayer Requests

Thanksgiving to God for:

- New Hope Christian School
- Those who found employment
- First responders and police

God's guidance and direction for:

- The mission and ministry of New Hope Lutheran Church
- National and world leaders working for justice and peace
- Those discerning vocational call or seeking employment
- Those who struggle with family issues

NT-NL sister congregations and ministries:

Pray daily for Christ's redeeming love and grace to be at the heart of our witness and for each of our congregations, conferences and all the ways we are in mission together. Pray for leaders, lay and rostered, as they lead congregations in Lent and Holy Week, Four Mile in Mabank, Good Shepherd in Marshall, ELCA Seminaries, The Church of Damascus Road, Jay's Place and the incarcerated and those working in prisons.

Healing, wholeness, protection:

- Congregation members and friends: especially Amy, Corey and family, Mel, Steve, Pastor Phil Heinze, Gina Marie, Sonja and the family of Jimmy, Nena, the family of Paul S., Merrily, Jim, Henry, Scott W., Angel, Pastor Brian, Odin, George, Betty, Jessica, Rachel, Carol P., Gentry, Delores, Kemberley, Kristell, Tim Capps and family, and the peoples and leaders of Russia and Ukraine.
- Homebound, especially Ella Kramer and Myrna Estes
- Children and teachers navigating remote learning
- Young adults attending college or away from home
- All athletes playing sports
- All deployed, non-deployed, reserve and veteran Armed Forces and families
- Those recovering from catastrophe or weather
- All those affected and displaced by recent natural disasters
- The victims of terrorism and violence

Grieving:

Those dealing with loss due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

New Hope Giving

As of 3/05/23

Weekly	YTD

Contributions	Budget	Contributions	Budget
\$741	\$3,012	\$29,464	\$33,127

Counters for the month of March: Andrew & Kemberley Edelstein

Thank you to the following who served at worship today:

Pastor: Miles Holder

Assisting Minister: Rick Humes Reader: Elizabeth Kunkler

Ushers: Andrew Edelstein & Scott Martin Greeter: Scott Martin

Hybrid Worship Team: Jeff Manthei & Bob Gartner

Thank you to the following who will serve at worship Sunday March 26th

Pastor: Miles Holder

Assisting Minster: Scott Martin Reader: Karin Urbanczyk
Ushers: Janice Needham & Arthur Momo Greeter: Greg Carter
Hybrid Worship Team: Jeff Manthei & Bob Gartner

Altar Guild: Gerda Evans, Deb Hultberg, Janice Needham, Laura Salvetti & Wendy Underwood

Looking Ahead...

Sun. March 19th
Tues. March 21st
Council Meeting after service
10:30am Women's Bible Study

7:00pm Bible Based Recovery

Wed. March 22nd 6:15pm Lenten Meal

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayers

Thurs. March 16th 6:30-8:00pm Discovering God's Vision For Your Life

Sat. March 25th 5:30pm 4th Saturday Dining Out Mi Pueblo

Children's Sunday School every Sunday from 9:30am to 10:15am

~Choir Practice every Sunday at 9:15 am