

# *New Hope Lutheran Church*



*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*February 1, 2026*  
*10:30 am*

**NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**2105 Willis Lane**  
**Keller, Texas 76248**  
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*A Word to our Guests & 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 in the seat pocket in front of you, 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. 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  
Elizabeth Kunkler, 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***

P: 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***

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

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

Most Merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: 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 ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

## ***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-*** Verses sung by Pastor only, refrain sung by all

*(Kyrie Eleison=Lord have mercy)*



P: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

C: ***refrain***

P: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

C: ***refrain***

P: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

C: ***refrain***

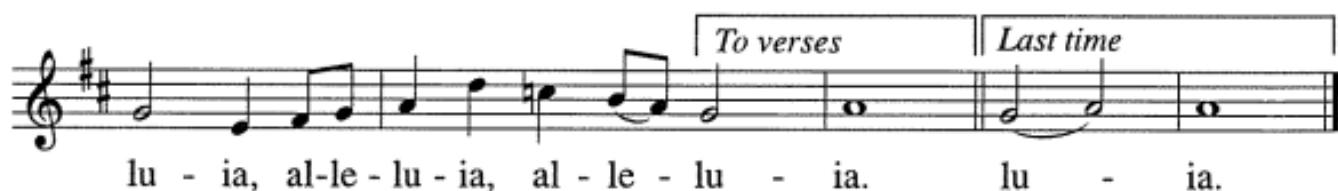
P: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

C: ***refrain***

# Canticle of Praise

(sung by all)

\* do not sing refrain between verses 3 & 4



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. (go to vs. 4)  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## ***Prayer of the Day***

P: Let us pray...

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

*The assembly is seated*

## ***Word***

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

### **Micah 6:1-8**

Listen to what the Lord says: “Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say.”<sup>2</sup> “Hear, you mountains, the Lord’s accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the Lord has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel.”<sup>3</sup> “My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me.”<sup>4</sup> I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam.<sup>5</sup> My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.”<sup>6</sup> With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?<sup>8</sup> He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 125 (read bold text responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?  
Who may live on your holy mountain?  
<sup>2</sup> **The one whose walk is blameless,  
who does what is righteous,  
who speaks the truth from their heart;**  
<sup>3</sup> whose tongue utters no slander,  
who does no wrong to a neighbor,  
and casts no slur on others;  
<sup>4</sup> **who despises a vile person  
but honors those who fear the Lord;  
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  
and does not change their mind;**  
<sup>5</sup> who lends money to the poor without interest;  
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things  
will never be shaken.

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



## ***Gospel Acclamation***

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



## ***Gospel***

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said: <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

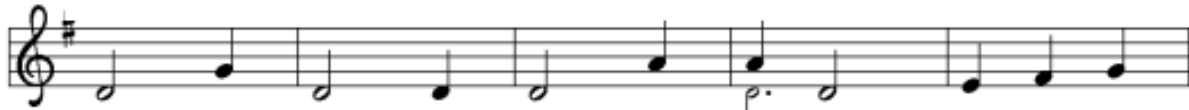
## ***Children's Message***

### ***Sermon***

***Pastor Miles Holder***

*The assembly is seated.*

# Blest Are They



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

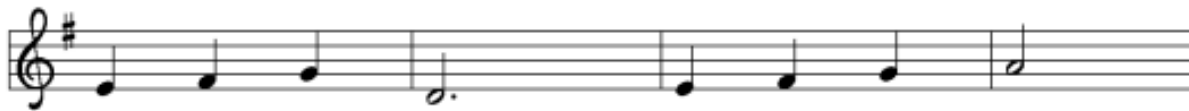


full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*  
 All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

## ***Apostles' Creed***

A: Let us confess the faith of the Church with the Apostles' 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: Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear Our Prayer**

## ***Peace***

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

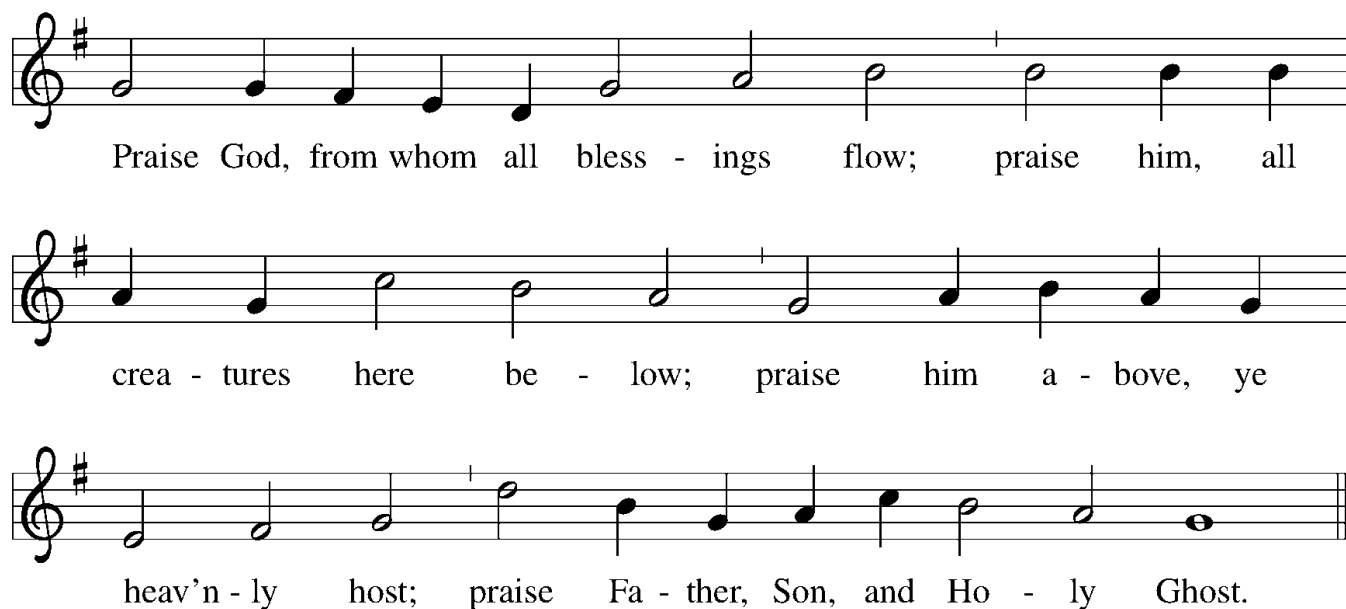
C: **And also with you.**

*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.*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## ***Offering Prayer***

A: Let us pray...

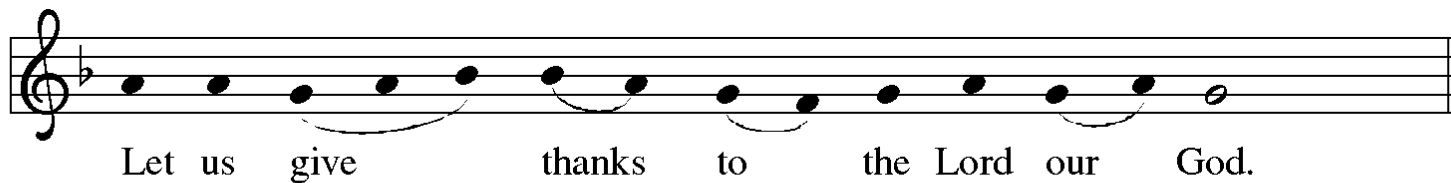
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## ***Meal***

### ***Great Thanksgiving***

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



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resur - rec - tion

opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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 things now have been made ready.

## ***Agnus Dei***

*"Lamb of God" John 1:29*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## **We Fall Down**

We fall down,  
We lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus;  
The greatness of mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus.

And we cry, holy, holy, holy  
And we cry, holy holy, holy,  
And we cry, holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

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# Change My Heart, O God

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Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

## ***Table Blessing***

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

**Amen**

## *Prayer after Communion*

A: Let us pray together...

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen**

## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## *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**


## Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day,  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

## ***Dismissal***

P: 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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request please fill out the blue  
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# 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 The Evangelical Lutheran Church In Sierra Leone, Community of Hope in Fort Worth, First Call Theological Accompaniment and those working in prisons.

## **Healing, wholeness, protection:**

- Congregation members and friends: *especially for the family of Alice, Penny, Gerda, the family of Rachel, Pastor Miles, Deb M., Toni, Kim, Rena, Angel, Craig, Adele, Arthur, Scott, Bryan, Anderson, Betty, Carrie, Delores, Kristell, and the peoples and the leaders of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Venezuela and persecuted Christians everywhere.*
- Children and teachers
- 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



*If you would like to tithe electronically you may do so by scanning the QR code below*

# New Hope Giving

As of 1/18/2026

<u>Weekly</u>		<u>YTD</u>	
Contributions	Budget	Contributions	Budget
\$1,303	\$3,000	\$6,209	\$12,000

Thank you to the following who served at worship *today*

**Pastor:** Pastor Miles Holder

**Assisting Minister:** Deb Hultberg **Reader:** Ken Mitchell

**Ushers:** Christina & Jody Brechler **Greeter:** Christina Brechler

Thank you to the following who will serve at worship *February 8*

**Pastor:** Miles Holder

**Assisting Minister:** Andrew Edelstein **Reader:** Steve Busbice

**Ushers:** Dave Melvin & Jessica Rueter **Greeter:** Dave Melvin

**Thank you to the counters for February:** Kemberley Edelstein & Rick Humes

**Thank you to following teams**

**Hybrid Worship Team:** Andrew Edelstein & Bob Gartner

**Altar Guild:** Gerda Evans, Deb Hultberg, Deb McMurry,  
Laura Salvetti & Wendy Underwood

**Praise Team:** Eileen Busbice, Kemberley Edelstein, Dane Kunkler,  
Elizabeth Kunkler, Jack Lang, Gary Markestad & Karin Urbanczyk

## **Looking Ahead...**

**Tuesday February 3rd 7:00pm Bible Based Recovery**

**Sunday February 4th Scout Sunday**

**Tuesday February 10th 7:00pm Bible Based Recovery**

**Thursday February 12th 6:30pm Bunco**

*~Choir Practice every Sunday at 9:15 am~*