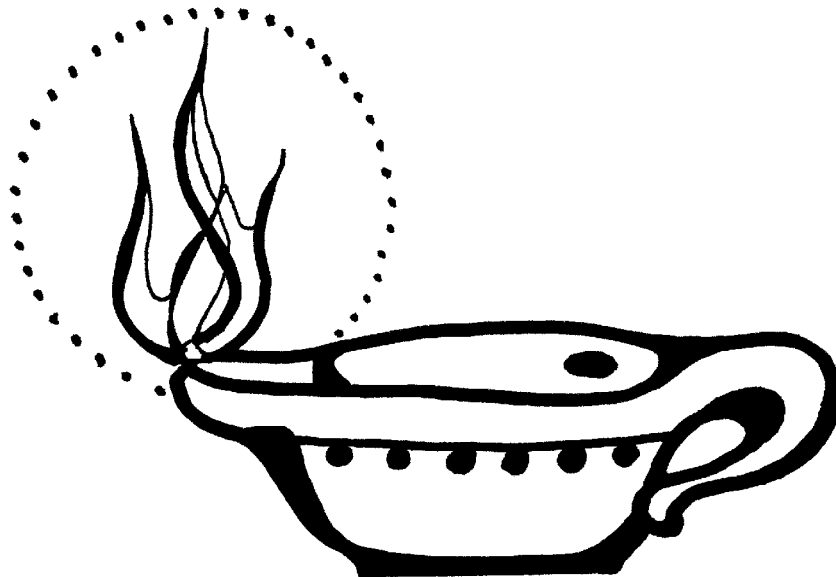


# *New Hope Lutheran Church*



*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*February 8, 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.**

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

## *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## ***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**

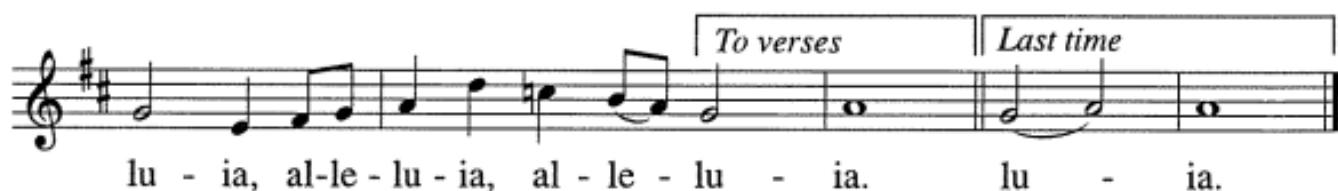
P: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

**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...

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

*The assembly is seated*

## ***Word***

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

### **Isaiah 58:1-9**

“Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.<sup>2</sup> For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.<sup>3</sup> ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ “Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers.<sup>4</sup> Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.<sup>5</sup> Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?<sup>6</sup> “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?<sup>8</sup> Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.<sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk,

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 112 (read bold text responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord,  
who find great delight in his commands.

<sup>2</sup> **Their children will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,  
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup> Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely the righteous will never be shaken;  
they will be remembered forever.**

<sup>7</sup> They will have no fear of bad news;  
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

<sup>9</sup> They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn will be lifted high in honor.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see and be vexed,  
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;  
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.**

## 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. <sup>4</sup> My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. <sup>6</sup> We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"—the things God has prepared for those who love him—<sup>10</sup> these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

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 5:13-20**

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.”<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”<sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”<sup>19</sup> Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”<sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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

### ***Sermon***

***Pastor Miles Holder***

*The assembly is seated.*

## We Are Marching in the Light of God



*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light 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.

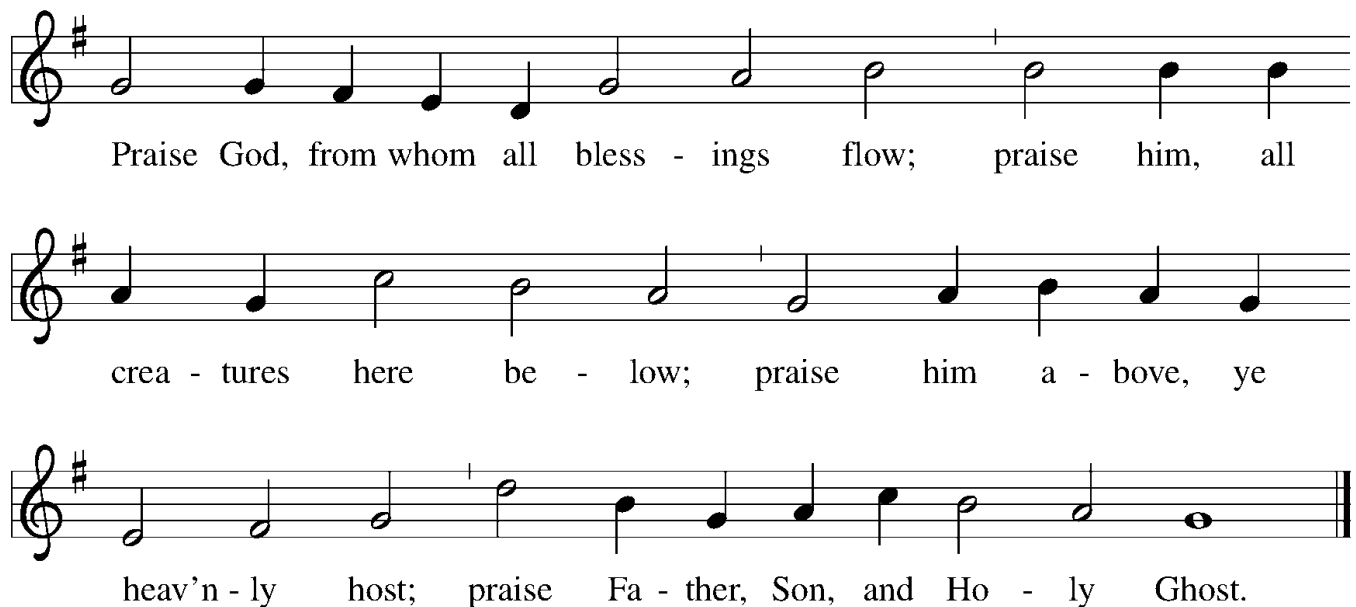
C: **And also with you.**

*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...

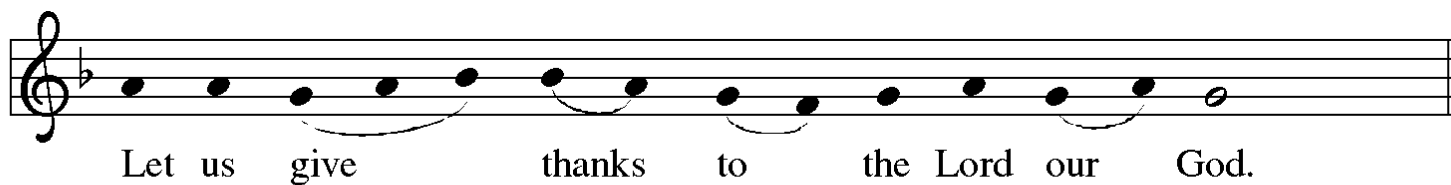
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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.

# Lifesong

Empty hands held high  
Such small sacrifice  
If not joined with my life  
I sing in vain tonight

May the words I say  
And the things I do  
Make my lifesong sing  
Bring a smile to You

Let my lifesong sing to You  
Let my lifesong sing to You  
I wanna sign Your name  
To the end of this day  
Knowin' that my heart was true  
Let my lifesong sing (to You)

Lord I give my life  
A living sacrifice  
To reach a world in need  
To be Your hands and feet

May the words I say  
And the things I do  
Make my lifesong sing  
Bring a smile to You

Let my lifesong sing to You  
Let my lifesong sing to You  
I wanna sign Your name  
To the end of this day  
Knowin' that my heart was true  
Let my lifesong sing (to You)

Hallelujah hallelujah  
Let my lifesong sing to You

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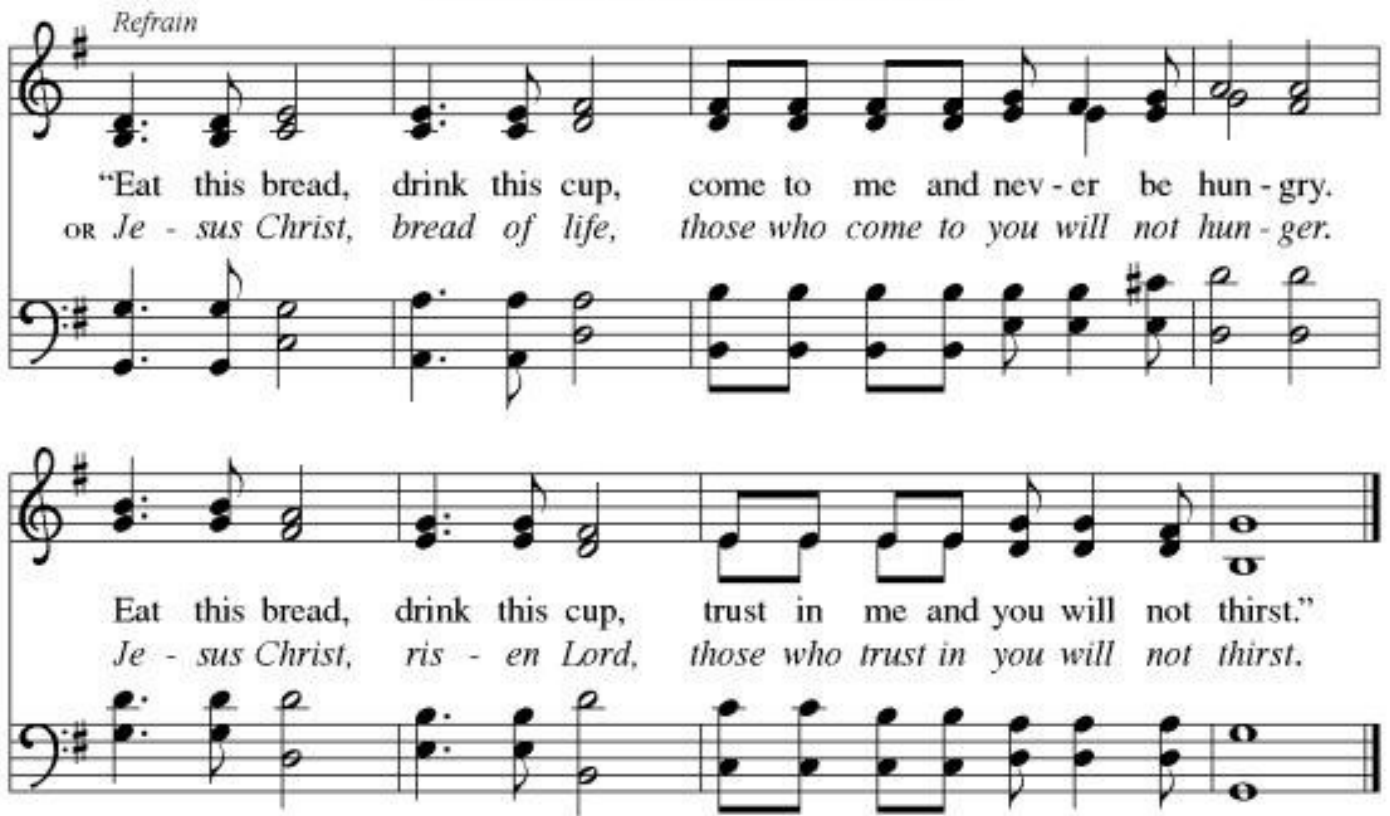
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Knowin' that my heart was true  
Let my lifesong sing (to You)

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Let my lifesong sing (to You)

## Eat This Bread

### *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

### ***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**

## This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### ***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  
connection card located in the seat pocket.***

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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, Trinity in Pottsville, Adviento in Arlington and those working in prisons.

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

- Congregation members and friends: *especially for the Ronquillo family, Peter, 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 2/1/2026

<u>Weekly</u>		<u>YTD</u>	
Contributions	Budget	Contributions	Budget
\$3,990	\$3,000	\$10,199	\$15,000

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

**Pastor:** Pastor Miles Holder

**Assisting Minister:** Andrew Edelstein **Reader:** Scouts

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

Thank you to the following who will serve at worship **February 15**

**Pastor:** Miles Holder

**Assisting Minister:** Chris Markestad **Reader:** Gary Markestad

**Ushers:** Greg Carter & Ken Mitchell **Greeter:** Greg Carter

**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...**

<b>Sunday February 8th</b>	Scout Sunday/Fellowship meeting after service
<b>Tuesday February 10th</b>	<b>7:00pm</b> Bible Based Recovery
<b>Thursday February 12th</b>	<b>6:30pm</b> Bunco
<b>Saturday February 14th</b>	<b>9:00am</b> Women's Ministry-DeVivo Bros.
<b>Sunday February 15th</b>	Council meeting after service

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