

New Hope Lutheran Church



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026
10:30 am

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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***Led by Christ, we welcome All to Glorify God, Growing in Faith
through Vibrant Worship, Meaningful Fellowship,
Inspirational Music and Faithful Service to our Community.***

A Word to our Guests & Visitors

Welcome to New Hope Lutheran Church! We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and grateful you've chosen to worship with us today. We hope you'll experience the joy of God's life-changing love here with us this morning. Whether looking for a church home, curious about the Christian Faith or visiting with Family, you are welcome here. Please fill out a blue 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. We offer a children's sermon each week and, during the school year, we offer Children's Church for preschool - 3rd grade.

ALL are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. The ushers will invite you to come forward to kneel or stand at the rail as you prefer. You will receive the bread in your hand and a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. After communing you are invited to linger at the rail in prayer, and then return to your seat by way of the side aisles.

New Hope Lutheran Church was planted in North Tarrant County over 30 years ago. We are united in our mission to pass on the faith by shining the Light and Love of Christ into our community and by living into Christ's command to, "GO and make disciples of all nations". We pray your time with us today will inspire and challenge you to live out your faith in daily life. We invite you to join us in giving praise and glory to God by loving and serving our neighbor.

+In Christ's Love,
Rev. Miles Holder

Prelude

Call to Worship

The assembly stands.

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship (Sung)

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come, come, come

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.

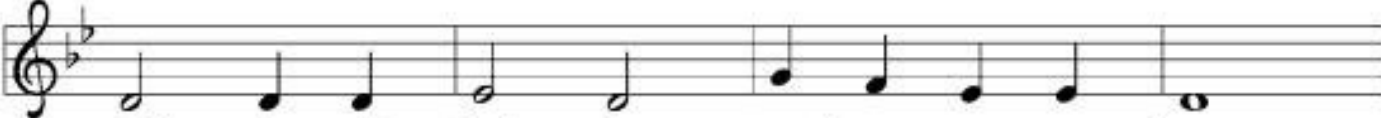
Most Merciful God,

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

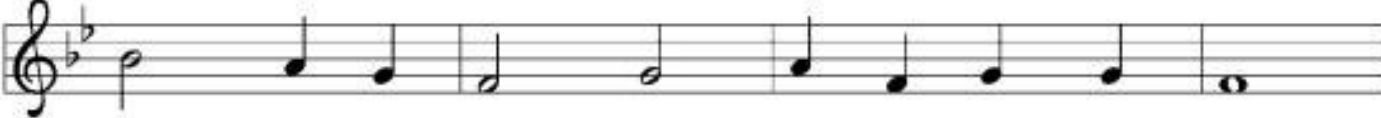
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of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

Amen.

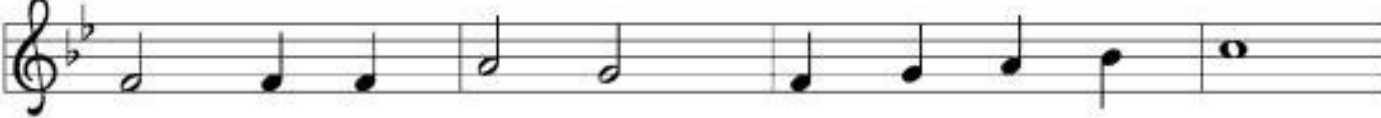
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

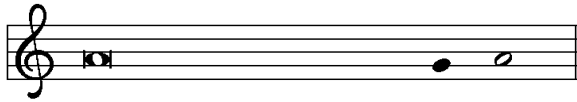


stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Kyrie



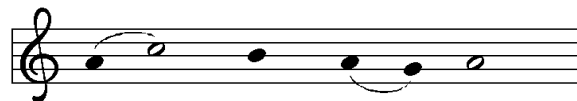
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



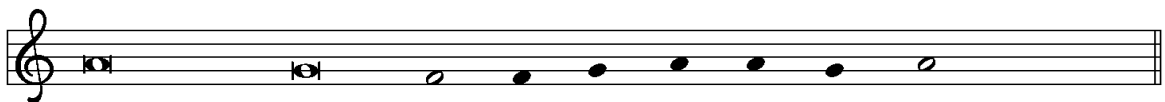
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



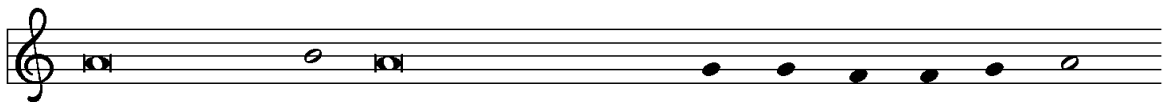
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



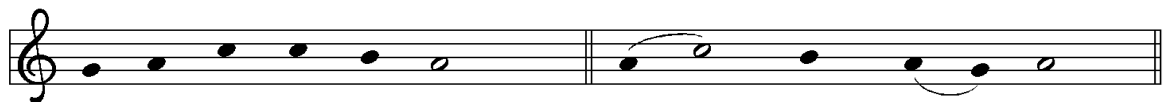
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Canticle of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

The assembly is seated

Word

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

Ezekiel 33:7-11

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved. “Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40 (read **bold** text responsively)

Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.

**Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.**

Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

**Turn my heart toward your statutes
and not toward selfish gain.**

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.**

Take away the disgrace I dread,
for your laws are good.

**How I long for your precepts!
In your righteousness preserve my life.**

Romans 13:8-14

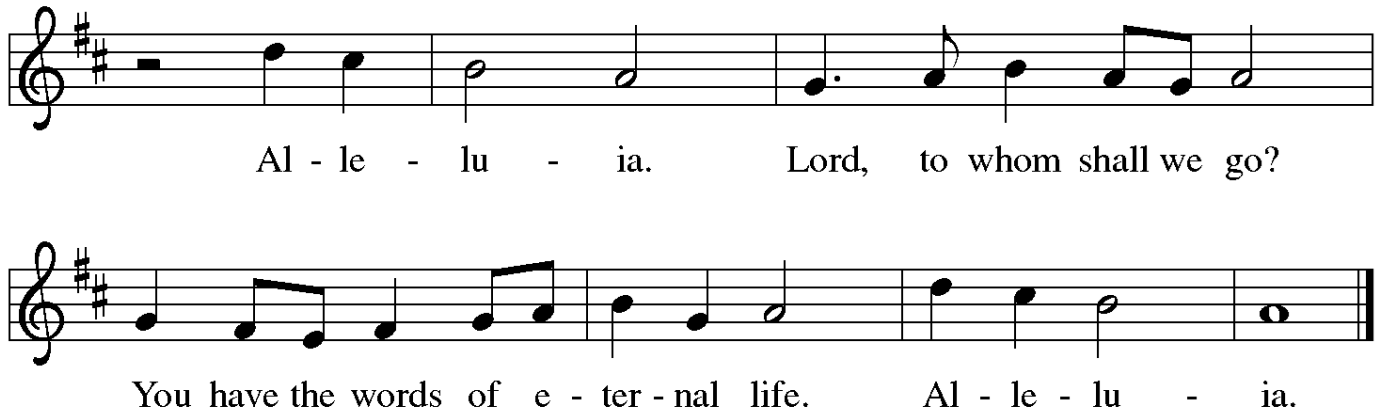
Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 18:15-20

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message ***Sermon***

Pastor Miles Holder

The assembly is seated.

Earth and All Stars! *verses 1,2,3,5*



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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Refrain
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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.

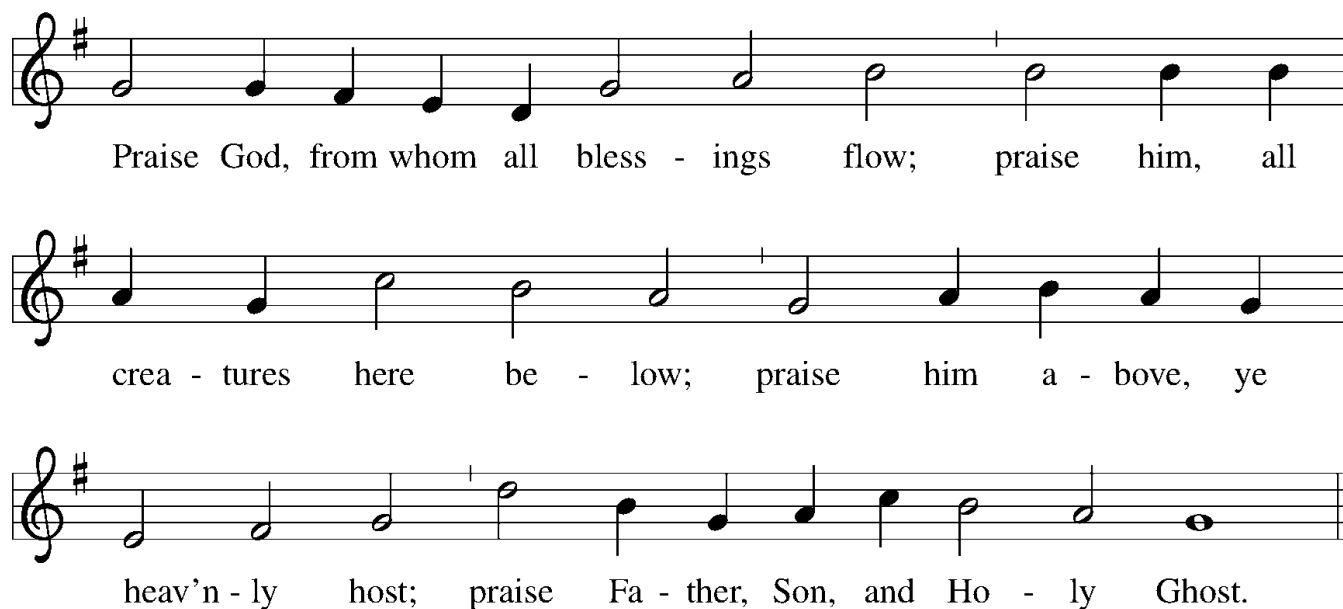
C: And also with you.

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...

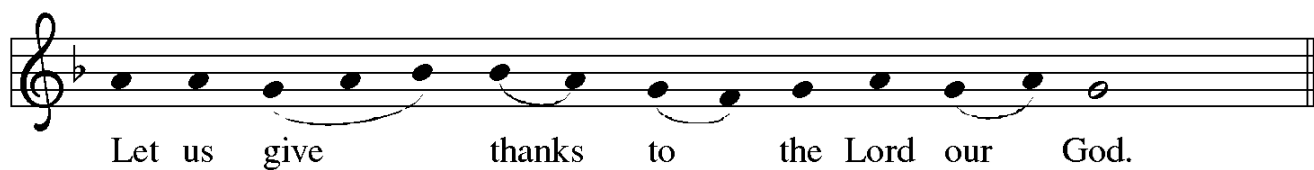
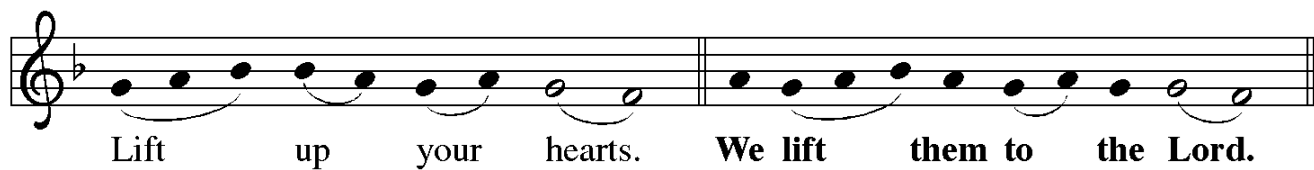
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. 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.

The Potter's Hand

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior
I know for sure all of my days are
Held in Your hand;
Crafted into Your perfect plan.

You gently call me into Your presence,
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit;
Teach me, dear Lord,
To live all of my life through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your holy calling,
Set me apart, I know You're drawing
Me to Yourself;
Lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me,
Use me, fill me;
I give my life
To the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me,
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As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife,
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

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 together...

C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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-joyce 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.

C: Amen

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.



New Hope's Vocation

Led by Christ we welcome all to glorify God, growing in faith through vibrant worship, meaningful fellowship, inspirational music and faithful service to our community.

If you are visiting New Hope or have a prayer request please fill out the blue connection card located in the seat pocket.

**Be sure to check New Hope's website for updated information and calendar
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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 leaders in Campus Ministry and Youth & Family Ministry, Conferencia Latina, Christ the Servant in Denton, the incarcerated and those working in prisons.

Healing, wholeness, protection:

- Congregation members and friends *especially baby Michael and the Murray family, the family of Pastor Brian, Jean, Mike, Peyton and family, Peter, Penny, Adele, Angel, Craig, Scott, Bryan, Anderson, Betty, Carrie, Delores, Kristell, the peoples and leaders of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Iran, the men and women of our armed forces and persecuted Christians everywhere.*
- Homebound
- 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 8/30/2026

<u>Weekly</u>		<u>YTD</u>	
Contributions	Budget	Contributions	Budget
\$825	\$3,000	\$98,211	\$105,000

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

Pastor: Miles Holder

Assisting Minister: Rick Humes **Reader:** Steve Busbice

Ushers: Daniel Goffney & Ken Mitchell **Greeter:** Ken Mitchell

Thank you to the following who will serve at worship *September 13*

Pastor: Miles Holder

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

Ushers: Greg Carter & Jessica Rueter **Greeter:** Greg Carter

Counters for August– Kemberley Edelstein & Rick Humes

Altar Guild: Gerda Evans, Deb Hultberg, Deb McMurry,

Conchita Murray, Laura Salvetti & Wendy Underwood

Hybrid Worship Team: Bob Gartner & Andrew Edelstein

Praise Team: Eileen Busbice, Kemberley Edelstein, Dane Kunkler,

Elizabeth Kunkler, Gary Markestad & Karin Urbanczyk

New Hope Church Picnic

Join us Today Sunday, Sept. 6th Noon-3:00pm

Johnson Rd Park, Keller Pavilion #1 Food, Fun, and a Trivia Contest (How well do you know Pastor Miles), you won't want to miss it! Sign-up available at church. Let us know if you are coming, how many, and what side dish or dessert you will be bringing.

Please see Debbie Mitchell with any questions.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday Sept. 6th

12-3:00pm Church Picnic

Tuesday Sept. 8th

7:00pm Bible Based Recovery

Wednesday Sept. 9th

6:30pm Bible Study

Saturday Sept. 12th

9:00am Women's Ministry Starwood Café

2-4:00pm Art Club

Sunday Sept. 13th

Fellowship Meeting after service

~~ Adult Choir practice Sunday at 9:15~~