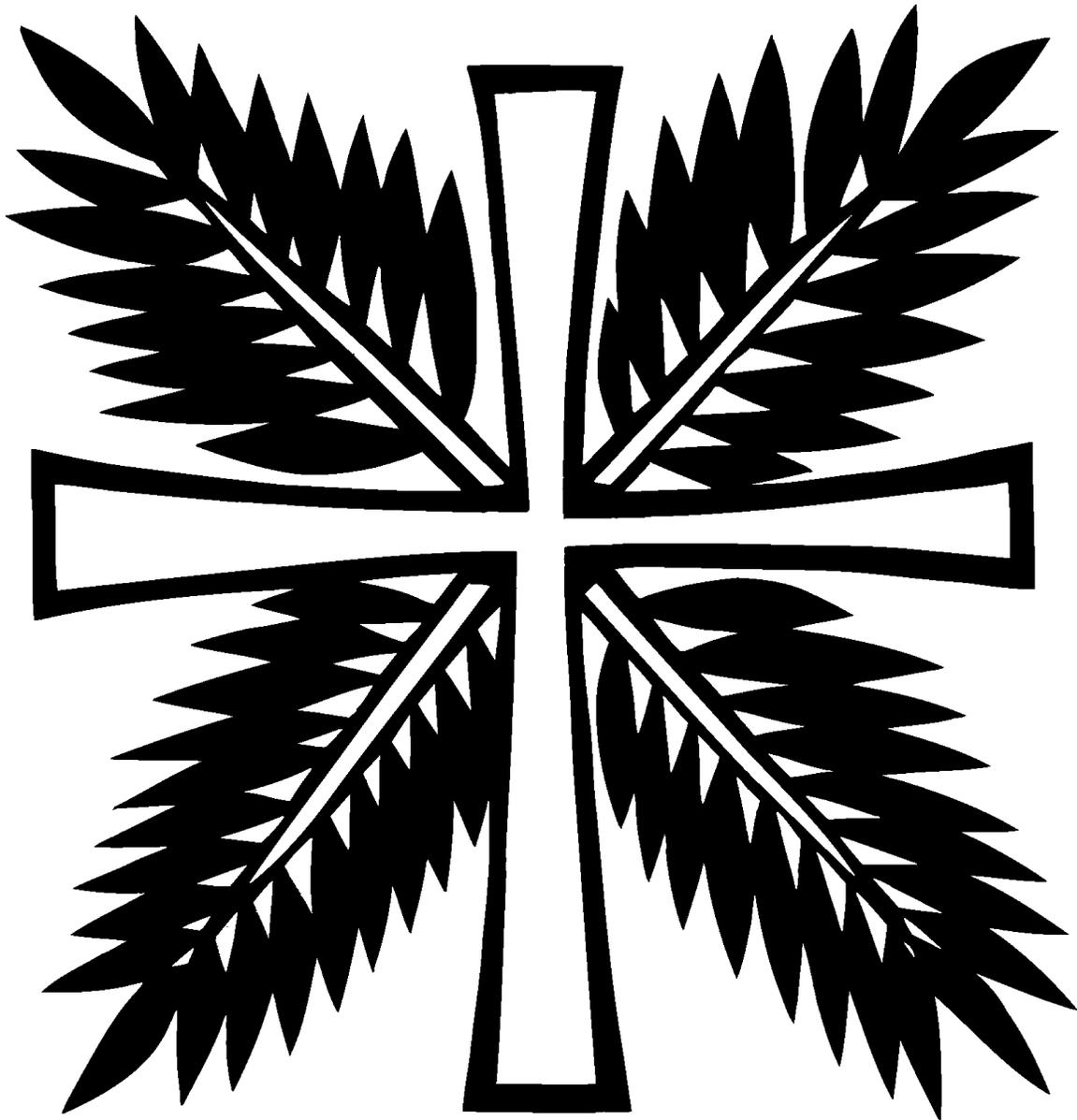


New Hope Lutheran Church



Liturgy of Holy Communion

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

10:30 am

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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
Elizabeth Kunkler, New Hope Christian School Director
Bruno Ribeiro, Music Director
Charlene Starr, Administrative Assistant

Gathering

We will gather in the Narthex for the Gospel reading and to distribute the palms.

Gospel Acclamation

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

Processional Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

P:The Lord be with you.

C:**And also with you.**

P:Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

P:We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:**Amen**

Procession of Palms

P:Let us go forth in peace,

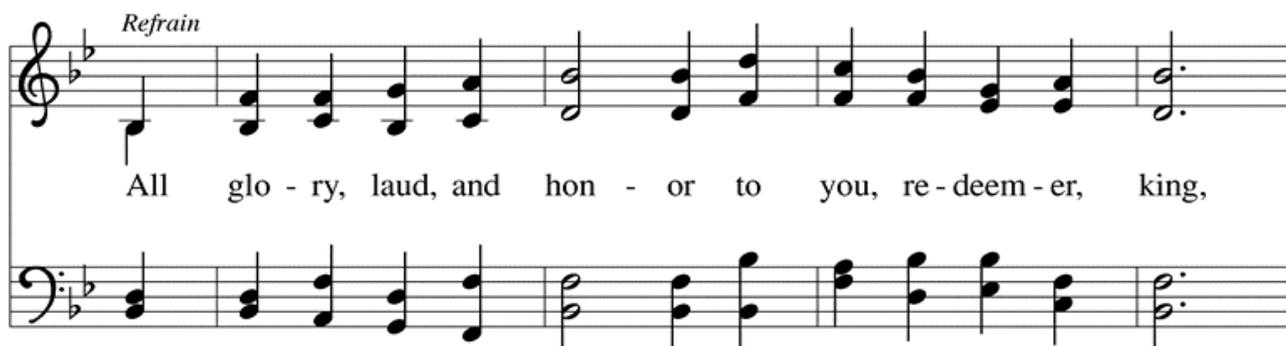
C:**in the name of Christ.**

Amen

The assembly will process into the worship center, lay palms at the foot of the altar and then be seated

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

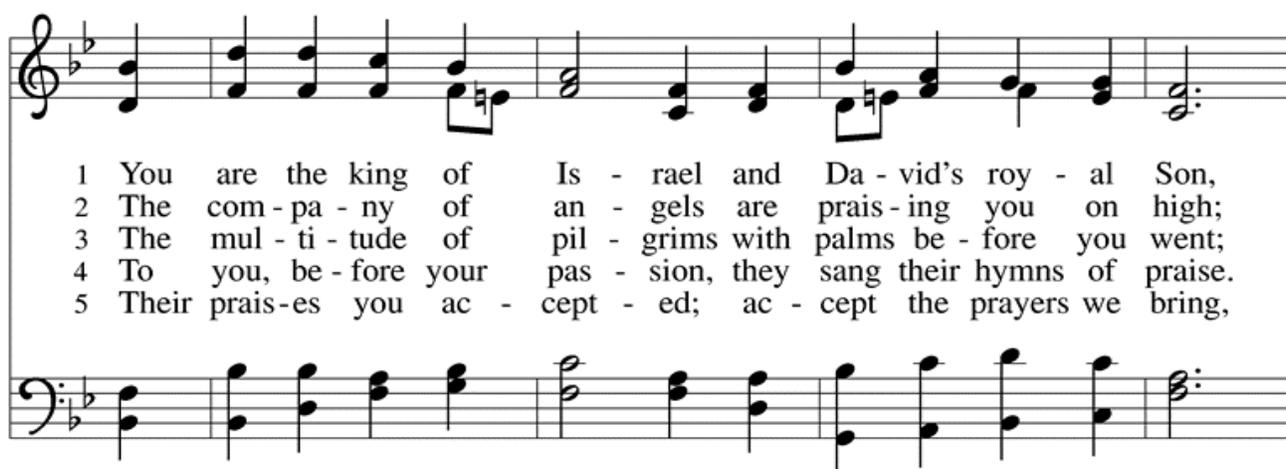
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Joyful Noise

Hosanna, Hosanna

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

Assembly Stands

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.

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.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



- 1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
- 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
- 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
- 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Prayer of the Day

P: As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

P: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated

Word

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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me?

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 31:9-16 (read bold text responsively)

⁹ Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress;

my eyes grow weak with sorrow,
my soul and body with grief.

¹⁰ **My life is consumed by anguish
and my years by groaning;
my strength fails because of my affliction,
and my bones grow weak.**

¹¹ Because of all my enemies,
I am the utter contempt of my neighbors
and an object of dread to my closest friends—
those who see me on the street flee from me.

¹² **I am forgotten as though I were dead;
I have become like broken pottery.**

¹³ For I hear many whispering,
“Terror on every side!”

They conspire against me
and plot to take my life.

¹⁴ **But I trust in you, LORD;
I say, “You are my God.”**

¹⁵ My times are in your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my enemies,
from those who pursue me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your unfailing love.**

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. ¹⁷ On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸ He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. ²⁰ When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, ²¹ and while they were eating he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²² And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” ²³ He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” ²⁵ Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.” ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” ³⁰ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹ Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’” ³² “But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

³³ Peter said to him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” ³⁴ Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵ Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples. ³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” ³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want.” ⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Joyful Noise

Lord, Hear My Prayer

“My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.” ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” ⁴⁹ At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ Suddenly one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?” ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. ⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’ ” ⁶² The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶³ But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think?” They answered, “He deserves death.” ⁶⁷ Then they spat in his face and struck him, and some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A female servant came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” ⁷¹ When he went out to the porch, another female servant saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.” ⁷² Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴ Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

27 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ² They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. ³ When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴ He said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” ⁵ Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.” ⁷ After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸ For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.” ¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³ Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!” ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.

³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him.³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”³⁸ Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads⁴⁰ and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,⁴² “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.”⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”⁴⁴ The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.⁴⁶ And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.”⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”⁵⁵ Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him.⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who also was himself a disciple of Jesus.⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.⁵⁹ So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth⁶⁰ and laid it in his new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’”⁶⁴ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise, his disciples may go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.”⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”⁶⁶ So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated

Pastor Miles Holder

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

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: 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.

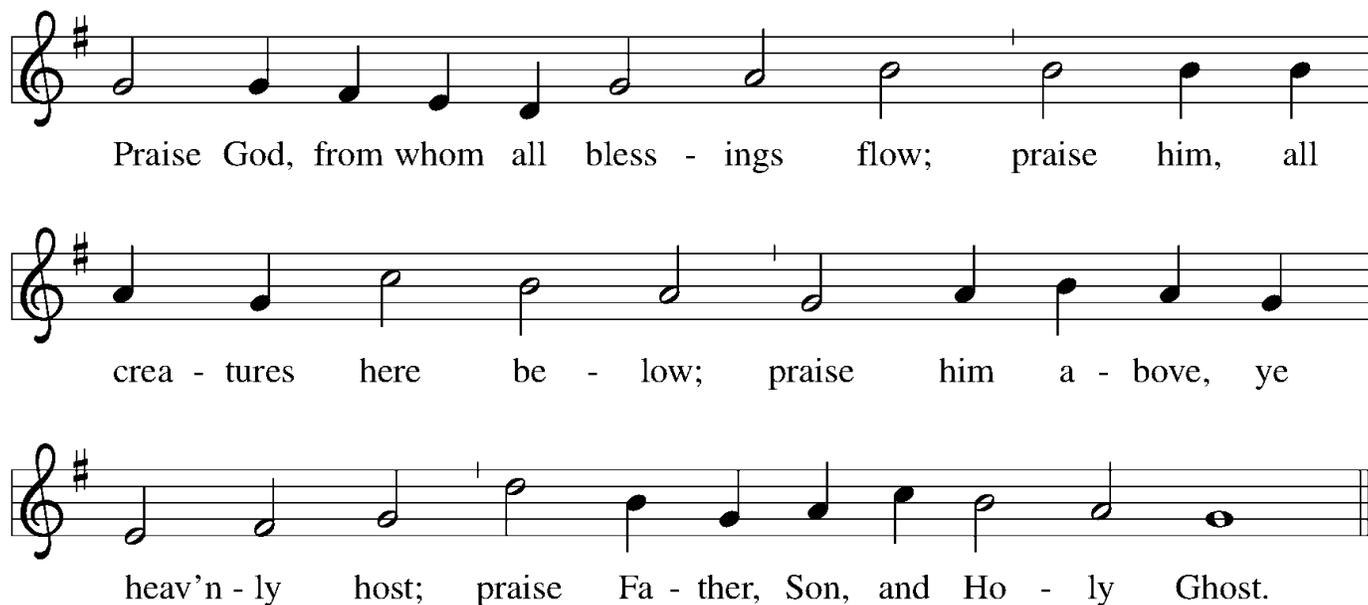
Offering

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.

Please place your offering in the plate located near the Christ candle at any time during or after Worship.



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...

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.

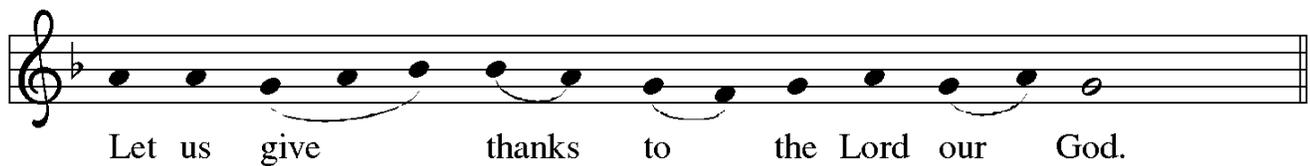
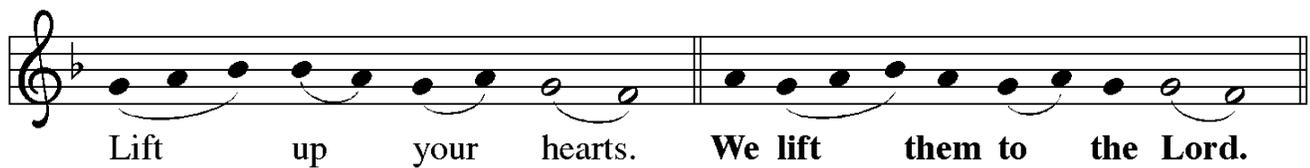
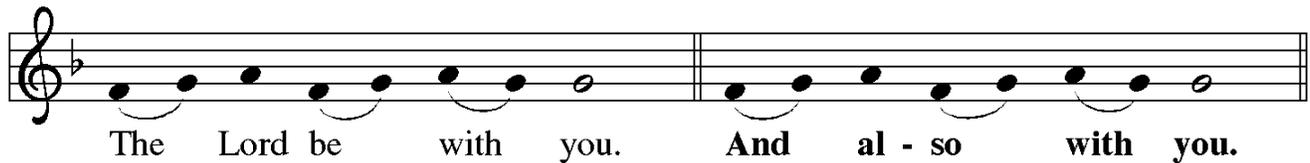
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

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





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: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

Mighty Is the Power of the Cross

What can take a dying man
And raise him up to life again?
What can heal a wounded soul,
What can make us white as snow?
What can fill the emptiness,
What can mend our brokenness,
Brokenness?

Mighty, awesome, wonderful
Is the holy cross
Where the Lamb laid down His life
To lift us from the fall.
Mighty is the power of the cross.

What restores our faith in God,
What reveals the Father's love?
What can lead the wayward home,
What can melt a heart of stone?
What can free the guilty ones,
What can save and overcome,
Overcome?

Mighty, awesome, wonderful
Is the holy cross
Where the Lamb laid down His
life
To lift us from the fall.
Mighty is the power of the cross.

It's a miracle to me,
It's a miracle to me,
And it's still a mystery,
And it's still a mystery.
It's a miracle to me;
The power of God
For those who believe.

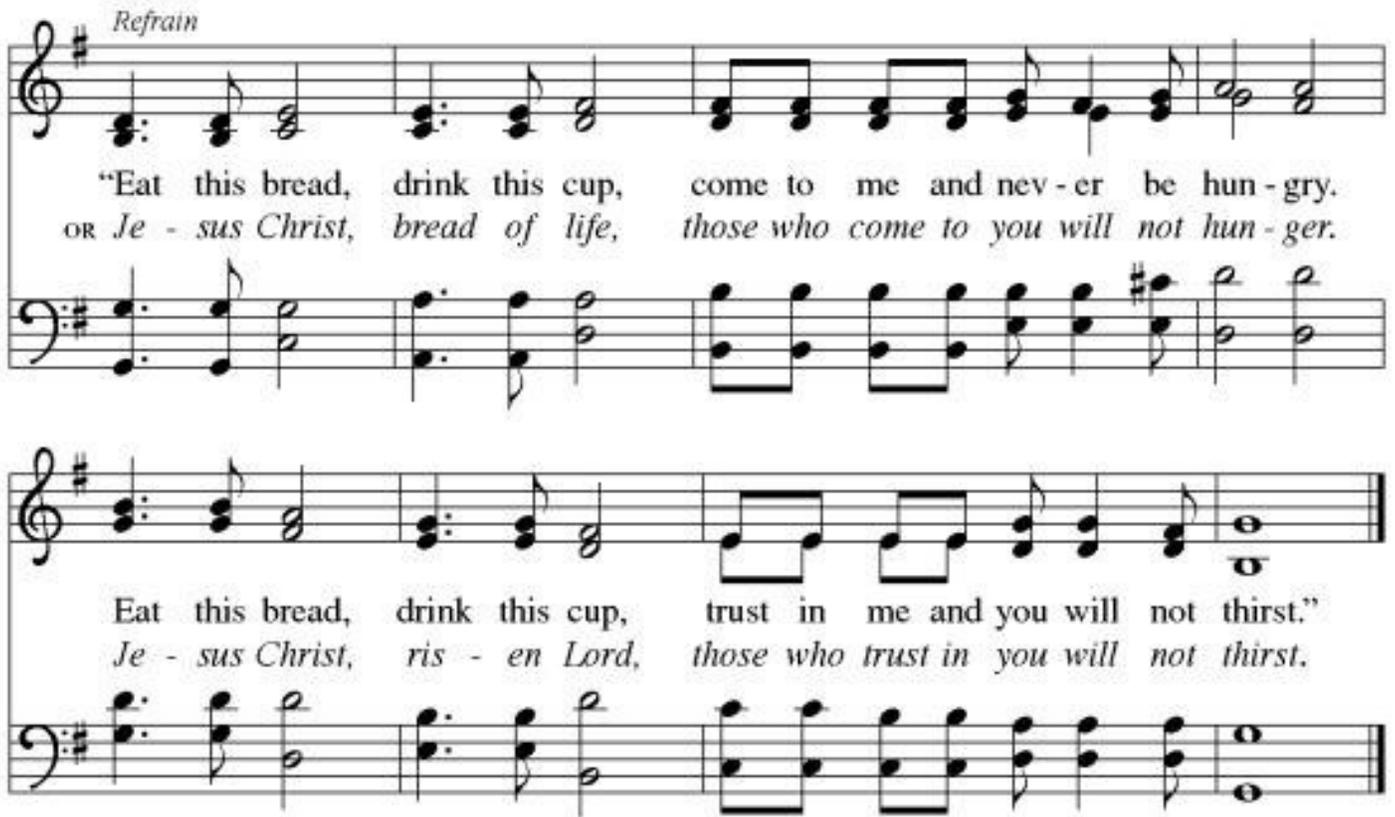
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Mighty is the power of,
Mighty is the power of,
Mighty is the power of the cross.

Thank You for the cross,
Thank you for the cross.

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 Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace, now and unto eternal life.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray...

C: 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.



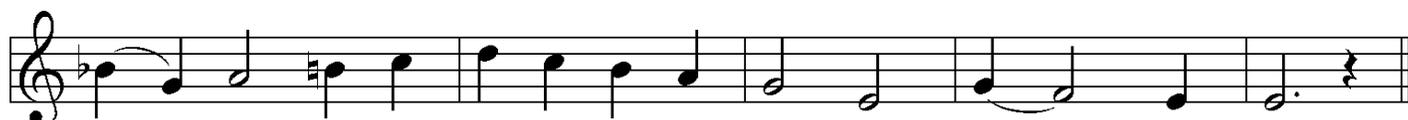
☩ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



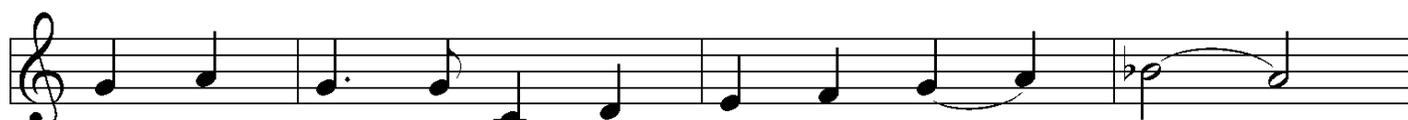
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men

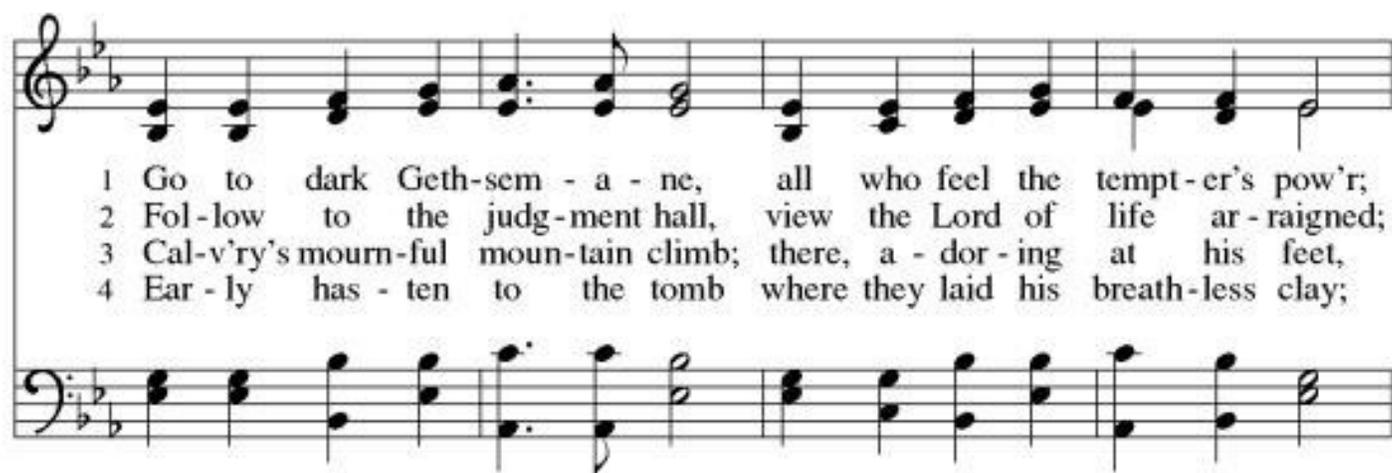
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Blessing

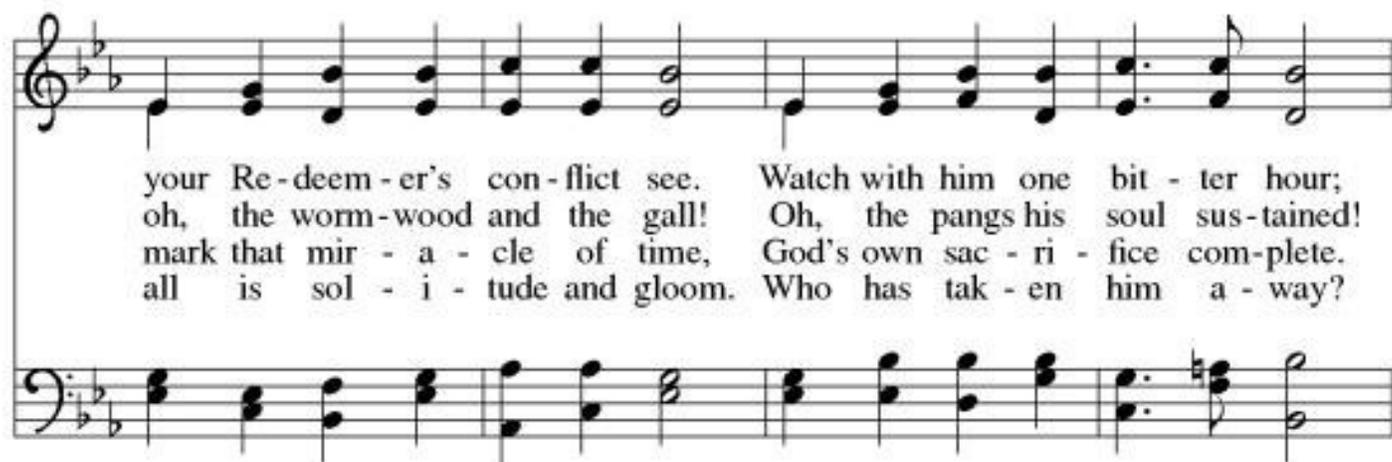
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

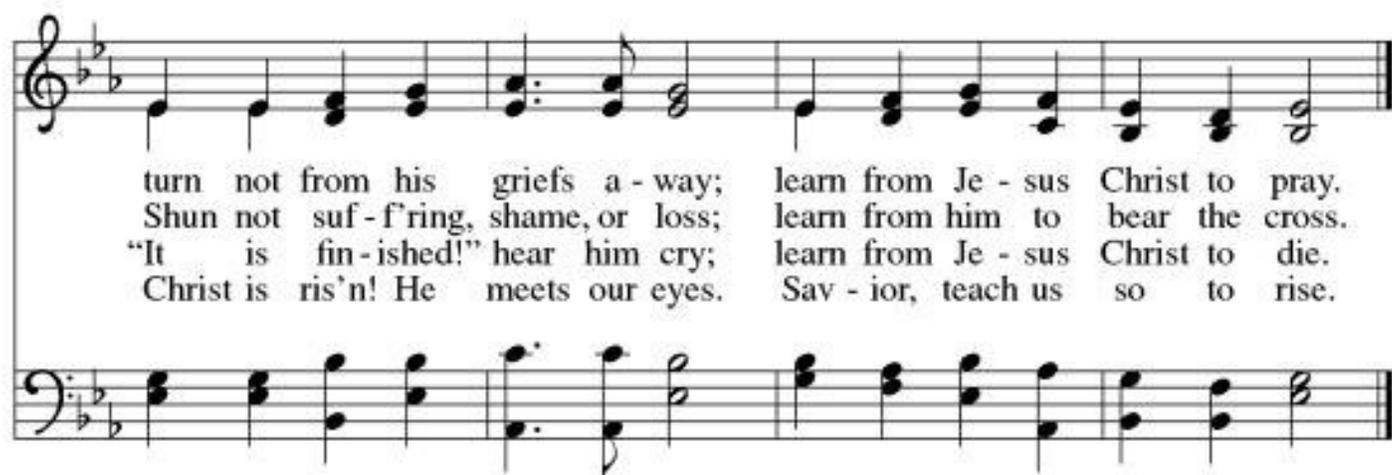
Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Boldly Sharing God's Word

Come as You Are!

Come Make a Difference!

Come to Belong!

Be sure to check New Hope's website for updated information and calendar

www.newhopelutheran.com

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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 lay and rostered, as they lead congregations in Lent and Holy Week, ELCAQ Churchwide Staff, St. Paul in Levelland and those working in prisons.

Healing, wholeness, protection:

- Congregation members and friends: *especially Jeff, Nadine, the family of DJ, Tom, Mark, Peyton and family, the Ronquillo family, Peter, Gerda, Penny, Pastor Miles, Kim, Rena, Adele, Angel, Craig, Arthur, Scott, Bryan, Anderson, Betty, Carrie, Delores, Kristell, the peoples and leaders of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Venezuela, Iran, our men and women in uniform and persecuted Christians everywhere.*
- Homebound, especially Ella Kramer
- 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

Looking Ahead

Tues. March 30th

Thurs. April 2nd

Fri. April 3rd

Sunday April 5th

7:00pm Bible Based Recovery

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

7:00pm Good Friday Service

10:30am Easter Sunday Service

Easter Egg Hunt following service

~Choir Practice every Sunday at 9:15 am~

New Hope Giving

As of 03/22/2026

<u>Weekly</u>		<u>YTD</u>	
Contributions	Budget	Contributions	Budget
\$2,470	\$3,000	\$30,734	\$36,000

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

Pastor: Miles Holder

Assisting Minister: Andrew Edelstein **Reader:**

Ushers: Daniel Goffney **Greeter:** Justin Oliver

Thank you to the counter for Marck: Elizabeth Kunkler

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

Thank you to our Gospel readers:

NARRATOR:	ELIZABETH K.	HIGH PRIEST:	PR. MILES
JUDAS:	GARY M.	OTHER PRIESTS:	ANDREW E.
DISCIPLES :	NAOMI B.	FEMALE SERVANT 1:	FRIEDA S.
	PHIL B. (PETER)	FEMALE SERVANT 2:	DEBBIE H.
	EILEEN B.	PILATE:	DANE K.
	GARY M. (JUDAS)	PILATE’S WIFE:	KEMBERLEY E.
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PETER:	PHIL B.		JACK L.
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	BYSTANDER- LOIS S.		PETER D.
	OTHER CROWD- KATHY L.		