

Welcome to New Hope!

October 18, 2026

21st Sunday of Pentecost

Pine Creek Site 8:30a

Sand Creek Site 10a



In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

***Green & Blue Hymnals are in pews.**

Cranberry Hymnals at Sand Creek site are in shelf near office door.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

HYMN

God is Here

Blue Hymnal #719

WELCOME

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE ELEISON/Lord Have Mercy

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT + Isaiah 45: 1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness. A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

PSALM 96: 109 (10-13)

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God. (Ps. 99:5)

NEW TESTAMENT + 1st Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities. A reading from Paul's letter.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
NOISY OFFERING/MISSION

October offerings support our confirmation project; Homeless Youth Christmas Stockings with LSS

- *Please stand as you are able for a reading from the life of Jesus Christ.*

HYMN

O Word of God Incarnate

Green Hymnal #231

GOSPEL + Matthew 2: 13-23

- *Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Michael D Sparby

HYMN

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

Blue Hymnal #781

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

MEAL

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERINGS *received in plates at Pine Creek site and boxes near the doors at Sand Creek site.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER/GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LAMB OF GOD

REFLECTION

Goodness of God

SENDING

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

MINISTRY NEWS

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Green Hymnal #415

SENDING

POSTLUDE



Next week is Reformation Sunday; wear red!

New Hope Announcements October 18, 2026

Thank you for worshipping with us! You are welcome here if searching for a spiritual home!

THIS WEEK

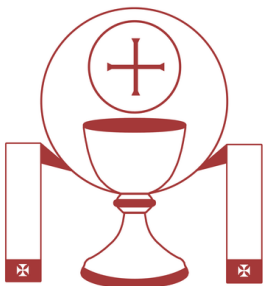
SUNDAY	10/18
8:30a/PC Worship	
9:20a Fellowship/both sites SC: Men's Group	
10a/SC Worship	
MONDAY	10/19
8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting	
TUESDAY	10/20
7p/SC AA	
WEDNESDAY	10/21
4:30-6p/SC Piano lessons	
6:30/SC Confirmation	
THURSDAY	10/22
5:30-7p/SC Piano lessons	
FRIDAY Office closed	10/23
SUNDAY <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	10/25
8:30a/PC Worship	
9:20a Fellowship/both sites SC:Eve Circle	
10a/SC Worship	

Offerings received at

- *Pine Creek site offering plate (8:30a worship)
 - *Sand Creek site offering boxes (10a worship)
 - *Website: www.newhopescpc.org
 - *Post mail: Po Bx 85, Sand Creek, WI 54765
- Your support is greatly appreciated!*

FLU SHOTS: Mon., Oct. 19th

9-11a at Ridgeland Community Center
1-3p at the Sand Creek Town Hall



Celebrating a son of New Hope, Matt Dietsche!

Son of Doris (Dietsche) Tallman & the late Ron Dietsche!

Ordained yesterday, Oct. 17th at Our Savior's Lutheran in Iron River

(68160 S George St, Po Bx 688, Iron River, WI 54847)

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Please update church office after 2 weeks

Allen Waterhouse, Joe Pingel, Joan Peterson, Mike Brasher, Wayne Christopherson

Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller, Richard Misselt

Bloomer Dove Rehab: Carol Gerner

Monroe Manor/Barron: Boydean/Astrid Sannes, Gary Hanson

Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Jacob Messinger

Community Care

For pastoral visit/call, or to join our Visitation Team, contact church office, Joyce Gilberts (Team Leader), or Pastor.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

(rotation schedule)

+

Christmas Pageant Pianist

(weekly practice + Dec. 20th Pageant)

Contact the church office if interested

Church Council Meeting

Monday, October 26th / Pine Creek

6:30p Committees

7p Council

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

Sun. Nov. 1 reg. sch *All Saints Sunday*
9:30a/PC W/ELCA
Mon. Nov. 2 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Nov. 4 6:30p Confirmation/SC
6p/SC Eve Circle
Sun. Nov. 8 reg. sch
Mon. Nov. 9 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Nov. 11 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Nov. 15 reg. sch
Mon. Nov. 16 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
SC W/ELCA offering received
Wed. Nov. 18 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Thurs. Nov. 19 9:30a/SC Sophia Circle
Sun. Nov. 22 reg. sch/*Guest: Rev. David Natzke*
Mon. Nov. 23 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Nov. 25 6p/SC *Thanksgiving Eve Worship*
Speakers: Clarissa Buhr, Jim Irwin
Stay for pie afterwards!
Sun. Nov. 29 reg. sch/*Guest Rev. David Natzke*
Advent 1 No Sunday School

DECEMBER

Wed. Dec. 2 4:30-6p/SC Piano lessons
6p/SC Eve Circle
6:30p/SC Confirmation (*Stuff Stockings*)
Thurs. Dec. 3 5:30-7p/SC Piano lessons
Sun. Dec. 6 reg. sch
9:30a/PC W/ELCA *Christmas Potluck*
10a/SC Baptism (*Rowen John Michaels*)
Mon. Dec. 7 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Dec. 9 4:30-6p/SC Piano lessons
Thurs. Dec. 10 5:30-7p/SC Piano lessons
Sun. Dec. 13 reg. sch
Mon. Dec. 14 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
SC W/ELCA offering received
Mon. Dec. 15 Newsletter articles due
Wed. Dec. 16 4:30-6p/SC Piano lessons
Thurs. Dec. 17 9:30a/SC Sophia Circle
5:30-7p/SC Piano lessons
Sun. Dec. 20 reg. sch
PC Christmas + SC site Pageant
Mon. Dec. 21 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
7p/SC Council Meeting
Thurs. Dec. 24 5p/SC *Christmas Eve Worship*
Sun. Dec. 27 reg. sch/Lessons + Carols

COMMEMORATIONS

Luke, Evangelist

Identified as author of both Luke & Acts, he was careful to place Jesus' life events in their social & religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62

1 of 3 early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as Jesus' brother. Scholars are uncertain if this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

Pastor Michael D Sparby

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Sand Creek site

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WORSHIP

8:30 am/Pine Creek 9:20a Coffee Fellowship + Sunday school

10 am/Sand Creek 9:20a Coffee Fellowship + Sunday school during worship (Sept.—May)

Telephone Ministry 1-534-444-4300

FREE Live stream <http://newhope.listentochurch.com>

YouTube Link to View Streamed Services: *New Hope on the Creeks*

New Hope Lutheran Church of Sand Creek & Pine Creek

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgsG8Jl-RdcnKSFI48DyQ>