

Welcome to New Hope!

September 20, 2026

17th Sunday of Pentecost

Pine Creek Site 8:30a Sand Creek Site 10a



Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

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

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

REFLECTION

A Mission of Mercy

WELCOME

CONFESSION

- *Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN

Great God

Tune: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- *Please be seated.*

WORD

HYMN

Great God

(Tune: Eternal Father, Strong to Save)

OLD TESTAMENT + Jonah 3: 10 — 4: 11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3: 4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing him shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: "You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?"

PSALM 145: 1-8

NEW TESTAMENT + Philippians 1: 21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

REFLECTION

Daily Mercies

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NOISY OFFERING/MISSION *September offerings go to ELCA World Hunger*

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

HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Green Hymnal #290

GOSPEL + Matthew 20: 1-16

- *Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Michael Sparby

HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

Blue Hymnal #745

REFLECTION

Mercy Never Fades

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LAMB OF GOD

REFLECTION

His Mercy is More

SENDING

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

MINISTRY NEWS

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Cranberry Hymnal #538

SENDING

POSTLUDE

New Hope Announcements September 20, 2026

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 9/20
8:30a/PC Worship
9:20a Fellowship/both sites SC: Men's Group
9:30a PC W/ELCA
10a/SC Worship
MONDAY 9/21
8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
TUESDAY 9/22
7p/SC AA
WEDNESDAY 9/23
6:30/SC Confirmation
FRIDAY Office closed 9/25
SATURDAY 9/26
8:30a-3p/Bethany Lutheran (Rice Lake)
W/ELCA Convention: Who Is My Neighbor?
SUNDAY 9/27
8:30a/PC Worship
9:20a Fellowship/both sites SC: Eve Circle
9:30a PC W/ELCA
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!*



Teachers Needed

(rotation schedule)

Contact the church office if interested

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please update church office after 2 weeks

Natalie Flatland, Joe Pingel, Joan Peterson, Carol Gerner,
Payton Pingel, Mike Brasher, Wayne Christopherson
Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller, Richard Misselt
Monroe Manor/Barron: Boydean/Astrid Sannes, Gary
Hanson
Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Jacob Messinger,
Jarita Roux

Community Care

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

*Congratulations with blessings to Claire (Knutson) &
Arjay McCandles, united in marriage September 12th.
Claire is the daughter of Tim & Dawn Knutson;
Granddaughter of Mary Knutson..*

QUILTING DAY

Tuesday, September 29th

9:30a—4p at our Pine Creek Site

Potluck lunch

Sewing not required. Visit as long as you'd like!

FLU SHOTS

1-3p, Mon., Oct. 19th

Sand Creek Town Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER

Mon. Sept. 28 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

Wed. Sept. 30 6:30p/SC Confirmation

OCTOBER

Sun. Oct. 4 *Women's Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday*
reg. sch/**Guest: Rev. David Natzke**

Mon. Oct. 5 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

Wed. Oct. 7 6:30p/SC Confirmation
6p/SC Eve Circle

Sat. Oct. 10 *HON Women's Day of Renewal*

Sun. Oct. 11 reg. sch/**Guest: Rev. David Natzke**

Mon. Oct. 12 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
SC W/ELCA offering received

Wed. Oct. 14 6:30p/SC Confirmation

Thurs. Oct. 15 9:30a/SC Sophia Circle

Sun. Oct. 18 reg. sch

Mon. Oct. 19 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

Wed. Oct. 21 6:30p/SC Confirmation

Sun. Oct. 25 reg. sch **Reformation Sunday**

Mon. Oct. 26 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

Wed. Oct. 28 6:30p/SC Confirmation

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
SC W/ELCA offering received

Wed. Nov. 11 6:30p/SC Confirmation

Sun. Nov. 15 reg. sch

Mon. Nov. 16 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

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*
with traditional desserts following

Sun. Nov. 29 reg. sch/**Guest Rev. David Natzke**
1st Sunday in Advent
NO Sunday school

COMMEMORATIONS

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)

An Ohio native who served parishes in several parts of the U.S. before elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Matthew (or Levi), Apostle & Evangelist

Tax collector in Capernaum for Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

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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