



New Hope Lutheran Church
May 2, 2021
Loved by God in Christ. Growing & Going.

+WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE+

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

'All Who Believe and Are Baptized'

LSB#601



1 All who be - lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, and on account of the command and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 20:21-23), I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray together:

ALL **O God, You call Your people away from the spirits of this age, which are not from You and do not confess that Jesus is Lord. Grant us faith to trust that Your indwelling presence in us is greater than any happiness we may try to find apart from abiding in You, in whom alone true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD+

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, “Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷ So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.” ³⁰ Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ The man replied, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. ³² The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this:

ALL **“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter.
And as a lamb is silent before the shearers,
he did not open his mouth.**

**³³ He was humiliated and received no justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth.”**

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?” ³⁵ So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. ³⁶ As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?” ³⁸ He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the

town of Azotus. He preached the Good News there and in every town along the way until he came to Caesarea.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John. the 15th chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. ⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

‘God Loved the World So That He Gave’

LSB#571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
△ 6 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en’s heirs.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

SERMON

A Well Planned, Accidental Meeting! Acts 8:26-40

Rev. Ron Schultz

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Responses after each petition:

P Lord in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

+WE RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER+

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

C Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✝ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

'When Morning Gilds the Skies'

LSB#807



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer
Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word



This rings my cur-few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Hath none that can com-pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”

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News & Notes

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS: Attendance: 80 Gen Fund Giving: \$3,348 Weekly Target: \$5,145

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Willing Workers

Today's Flowers

5/4 Anna Bouterse

Reader: Kurt Heringhausen

Given by Kurt and

5/4 Jim Wilkerson

Altar Guild: Carole Engelsmen

Jayne Heringhausen

5/5 Pam Hart

Elder: Eric Mis

in loving memory of

Teller Team: Eric Mis/

Kurt's parents,

Alex Ancinec

Ann & Arnold

ONGOING PRAYERS for CARE & HEALING

- ***Denice, Anna Bouterse's daughter, for healing and recovery***
- ***Matt Renkema, Bill & Bev's son, thankful for better news than expected with his recent surgery. Prayers continue for complete recovery and healing***
- ***Susan Schultz, recovering from surgery the week of April 5***
- ***Helen Bramer as she is experiencing serious health issues***
- ***Suzanne Berg's dad, Bob Haberling, as he faces heart surgery***
- ***Eli, Ann Hoppe's young neighbor, praying for a miracle from an inoperable brain tumor***
- ***Ben Hoppe, that God would turn to good the stressful situation at his workplace (per his mother, Ann)***
- ***Sue Hillson's daughter, Melissa, and her newborn baby***
- ***Dawn Frees, NHLC neighbor, as she recovers from spinal surgery amidst other life and health changes***
- ***Dan and Shelley Chambers as Dan is recovering at home. Prayers of thanksgiving that the lymph nodes showed no cancer***
- ***Jordan Mis who is recovering from knee reconstruction surgery***
- ***Carmen Kirschke and her parents, Pastor Gary and Karen, as Carmen slowly recovers at home***
- ***Chris Treiber- Ann Hoppe's cousin, battling cancer***
- ***Diana Schultz, Sandra Ferguson's mother, facing the return of her cancer***
- ***Mark Abbie, family friend of Ancinecs, battling cancer***
- ***Laura Havrilcsak, Paul Hart's sister, dealing with a terminal cancer diagnosis***
- ***Arlene Wasilewski – praying for a full recovery from surgery***
- ***Karin Armbruster- undergoing cancer treatments (Bybee's niece)***
- ***Julie Bultema (return of cancer) Barb Bultema's daughter in-law***
- ***Becky Chorny (recovering from surgery), aunt of Missy M***

- *Kristen (cancer) Katie Moelker's friend*
- *Anyone suffering due to a fragile mind, body or spirit, and those who care for them*

for SAFETY & HOPE:

- *We pray for peaceful resolution and mutual understanding to prevail over acts of violence throughout our communities, our nation and the world*
- *We pray for all who continue to serve, protect, minister to and heal God's children*

for COMFORT:

- *The family of Bill Vajda as he passed peacefully to be with our Heavenly Father on April 19*



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