



New Hope Lutheran Church
January 26th, 2025
People of Grace, Lives of Grace, Words of Grace

HYMN OF INVOCATION PRAISE GOD FROM WHO ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus, fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: GOD HAS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHETS

Tune: Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee LSB 803

God has spoken by the prophets,
spoken the unchanging Word,
Each from age-to-age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord!
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holding fast:
God eternal, reigns forever,
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son,
Image of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word incarnate,
God of God, ere time was born;
Light of light to earth descending,
Christ as God in human form.

God is speaking by the Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again.
In the age-long Word declaring
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast:
God abides, the Word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

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C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

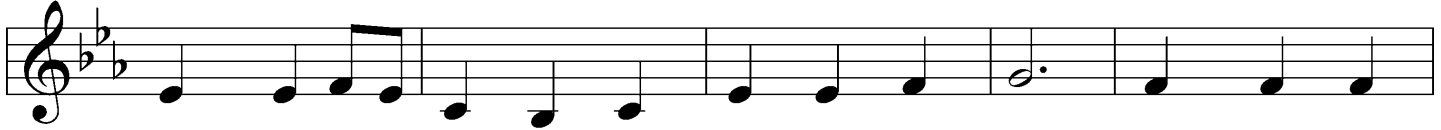
¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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SERMON

Pastor Gary Kirschke

CREED

P: With the assurance of His love for us,
 let us take refuge in the Holy Trinity, who grants us salvation.

C: With all my heart, I take refuge in God most high,
 who created all things; the source of all goodness,
 the holy and merciful Father.

With all my heart, I take refuge in Jesus Christ,
 the redeemer from sin, who restores my true nature,
 the perfect and mysterious Word-made-flesh.

With all my heart, I take refuge in the Comforter,
 who at all times and places responds to my deepest needs,
 the abiding and tranquil Holy Spirit.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: THE BIDDING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

- A** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P It is our duty and delight, always and everywhere, to praise You, almighty Father, Creator of heaven and earth. Today we join the angels, archangels and all the company of heaven in thanking You because You gave Your only Son Jesus to and for us, that we may be cleansed from sin and given the right to become Your children.

Father, from the beginning of time, You have always done what is good for Your children. We can wander far from You, but through Your Son Jesus You bring us back. Jesus is the hand that You stretch out to wayward sinners; He is the way that leads to You. Your Son Jesus – who lived, died and rose again – restores us as members of Your family.

On the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, gave it to His disciples, and said: “Take, eat: this is My body, which is given for You. Do this to remember Me.”

After supper, He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you. This is My blood of the new covenant, shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink this, remember Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P The gifts of God for the people of God:
this bread is the body of Christ;
this wine is the blood of Christ.
As often that we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

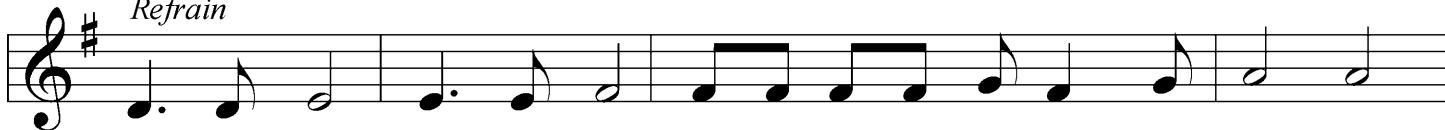
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HYMN:

EAT THIS BREAD

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Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

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PRAYER

- C** Father, you have prepared a table for us in the presence of our enemies. You have fed us not just with bread, but with the Bread of Life. Thank you for forgiving our sins and making us your children. We pray that you would use this gift in us to make us people of grace, to speak words of grace, and to live lives of grace so that more people would know how much they are loved in Jesus. Amen

BENEDICTION

- P** May God the Father, who so loved the world that He sacrificed His Son for you, draw you ever closer to Himself.

May God the Son, who now sits beside the Father and ever pleads for you, assure you of His steadfast love for you.

May God the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father and the Son, to be your Comforter, fill you with love, joy and peace.

May this blessing of almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – be with you, those you love, and those who need your love, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART: WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Tune: Glorious things of You are spoken LSB 648

We are called to be God's people,
showing by our lives His grace;
One in heart and one in spirit,
sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how He has changed us,
and remade us as His own.
Let us share our life together
as we shall around His throne.

We are called to be God's servants,
working in His world today;
Taking His own task upon us,
all His sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to His summons,
dedicate to Him our all,
That we may be faithful servants,
quick to answer to His call.

We are called to be God's prophets,
speaking for the truth and right,
Standing firm for godly justice,
bringing evil things to light.
Let us seek the courage needed,
our high calling to fulfill,
That the world may know the blessing
of the doing of God's will.

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PRAYERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Gathering 01/29/25 6pm (fellowship hall)

*Sunday Bible Study 2/2/2025 Living in the Grip of Relentless Grace 9am
(sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway cost \$10:00 book)*

this is the last week to sign up for a book

Woman's Gathering 2/3/2025 6pm (fellowship hall)

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS: Attendance: 55 Gen Fund Giving, \$4,7226.51.00 Weekly Target: 5,000

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1/30 Austin Berg

1/30 Nathan Wright

WILLING WORKERS!

Elder: Bill Engelsman/ Andy Rohrer

Altar: Bonnie Hertenstein/ Carolyn Wright

Greeter: Alex Siebrasse

Teller Team: Bill Engelsman/ Andy Retberg

Reader: Paul Bybee

Nursery: Avery Hertenstein/ Emma Rohrer

Fellowship: Soup and Sandwiches

ONGOING PRAYERS for CARE & HEALING

Asa, friend of Alex Siebrasse, undergoing chemo

Lillian, Anna's son-in-law's mom, diagnosed with cancer.

Erin VanDyke re diagnosed with breast cancer, starting chemo and radiation soon,

Fred, brother-in law to the Hart's undergoing chemo/ radiation for esophageal cancer

Diane Breeman, healing

David Cangelosi, brother-in-law of Sonja and Pastor Adam for cancer treatment

Karen, Bybee's, niece, treatment of Crohn's disease

Pauline Grove and Roy Grove as he cares for Pauline.

Tom Hillson, Relative of Tim, and Sue, dealing with multiple health issues.

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