



Welcome to New Hope Lutheran

with sites in Blanchardville & Hollandale

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"Serving God by sharing, teaching and connecting people to God, with Jesus in our hearts."

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Fourth Sunday of Easter



Good Shepherd Sunday

Welcome to New Hope Lutheran! We are glad you are here. Due to COVID-19, at this time we are currently celebrating communion with individually prefilled communion cups, which are on a table in the Narthex of the Church. If you would like to participate in Communion, please be sure to take one prior to Worship starting. Offering plates are also located in the Narthex and you are welcome to place your offering before or after Worship. Offering can also be made online via our website; newhopelutheran.info

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God. Now and forever.

Amen

Greeting The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrections of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 4: 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of

Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Psalm 23 Please Read Responsively

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. The Word of Our Lord...**Praise to you O Christ.**

Gospel: John 10: 11-18

The Holy Gospel according to John... **Glory to you O Lord.**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I

have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father." The Gospel of our Lord..... **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Musical Interlude

Apostles' 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 *Prayer petitions conclude with "hear us, O God" The congregation responds, "Your Mercy is great"*

The Peace The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you**

People may greet one another from their pews with a sign of Christ's peace and say "Peace be with you"

Offering **Offering plates are in the Narthex of the Church. Offerings can also be made online at our website; newhopelutheran.info or mailed/dropped off to the Church office anytime.*

Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in services to a suffering world, for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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**

Invitation to Communion

Musical Interlude

Prayer after Communion

Wellspring of Joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing & Dismissal

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

We invite ALL people to join our Community of Christ as we grow in faith, serve and Worship God. **We serve God by sharing, teaching, and connecting people to God with Jesus in our hearts.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Reader: Ellen Syse **Musician:** Becky Johnson **Ushers:** Duane & Beth Kundert

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The office is currently open on Tuesday & Friday mornings from 8AM-12PM. Work is also done remotely in the evenings thru the week.

Keep in your prayers: We remember our members & friends recovering from surgery, those with ongoing health concerns, those who mourn loved ones, and the homebound, Especially Carol Anderson, Paul Sardeson, Roger Kittleson, Donna Arneson, Cliff Lien, Audrey Parkinson, Lyle & Audrey Klosterman, Jeanne Stansfield, John Larson, John & Mary Carr, Doris Hermanson, Ruth Kolb, Dorothy Jungbluth, Barb Lien, Vera Eidsmoe, Richard & Peggy Gilbertson, Ruth Hanson, Lynne Hendrickson, Lolly Johnson, Doris Larson, Gordy Larson, Marilyn Torkelson, Betty Lou Mathiowetz, Riley Sigg, Mark Zimmerman, Michelle (Olson) Mueller & Ruth Vamstad. We also pray for Ryan & Jennifer (Pilling)Kumor as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

Installation date details

Pastor Chris will be installed on Sunday, May 2nd, 2021. On this day, we will have a Joint Worship Service with Communion at 10:00 AM at our Blanchardville Site. Bishop Joy will join us for Worship on this special day. The service will be available in person and via our Facebook page. We hope you can join us! * Those attending in-person are encouraged to mask and social distance*

Dates to Remember:

April 25th

9:00-9:45 AM; Sunday Faith Formation at Blanchardville location
10:00 AM; Worship at Blanchardville location

April 26th

Council Meeting at Blanchardville Site 7 PM

April 29th

Visitor Assembly by Blanchardville Area Volunteers

May 1st

Pec Area Food Pantry; 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM at NHL; Bville Site
Pilling/Kumor Wedding at Hollandale Site

May 2nd

Pastor Chris Installation with Joint Worship at 10:00 AM at Blanchardville Site

Chicken BBQ in Hollandale at Village Hall with serving starting at 11:30 AM until gone.

Gordy Larson turns 90 on Monday, April 26th! Please consider sending him a card to wish him well! Cards can be mailed to Gordon B Larson, 600 2nd Ave. Room 306, New Glarus, WI 53574

We need your help! We are looking to re-group and add members to our Lay Distribution team. This team will make monthly visits to our members who are homebound or in nursing/assisted living facilities and offer them communion.

Pastor Chris is dedicated to meeting all our folks who are unable to come to Worship and plans to have a quarterly rotation where he can visit them throughout the months. This team helps keep those folks who are not physically here with us in Church, connected to us. Youth who have been confirmed, can also participate in this ministry. Contact the Church office at 608-523-4239 or newhopeoffice@tds.net if you would like more information! This is a rewarding opportunity!

Join us for a "Drive-Thru" Chicken Dinner on Sunday, May 2nd, 2021!

Serving starts at 11:30 AM at the Village Hall in Hollandale and we will serve until gone!

Chicken dinners are \$13 and include Grilled Chicken, Baked potato (sour cream, butter), Coleslaw, Roll, and a dessert. The dinners will include silverware, salt and pepper. Payment will be due at time of pick-up.

Folks are welcome to bring a blanket and have a picnic in the grass or sit outside at the picnic area. Let's celebrate Pastor Chris in honor of his Installation (and his birthday!)

Pre-orders are welcome, and due by Sunday, April 25th! Pre-orders can be made by signing up at the table in the Narthex, calling the Church office at 608-523-4239 or emailing newhopeoffice@tds.net Contact Kandi (608-516-2882) or Tiffany (608-212-9028) with questions

Pre-orders need to be picked up between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

* 10% of the proceeds from the event will be donated to Iowa County programs, some of which may include heating assistance, food pantry, school supplies, foster parent training, and holiday project