



# NEW HOPE LUTHERAN

with sites in Blanchardville & Hollandale

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## **July – August - September Service Times:**

8:30 a.m. at our Blanchardville site & 10:30 a.m. at our Hollandale site

***Sunday, August 3rd, 2025 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***Worship Today Led by Shannon Marion***

## **INTRODUCTION & WELCOME**

***Please Stand***

**OPENING HYMN: #393 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

***Please Sit***

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not  
always reflect you and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

**GREETING (page 184)** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE (page 184)**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Benevolent God, **you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 49:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

<sup>2</sup>**you of high degree and low,  
rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup> One can never redeem another,  
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

<sup>8</sup> **for the ransom of a life is so great  
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup> in order to live forever and ever  
and never see the grave.

<sup>10</sup> **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup> Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,  
though they had named lands after themselves.

<sup>12</sup> **Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
they are like the beasts that perish.**

## **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all! The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (page 188) (sung)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

The holy gospel according to Luke ... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my

grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

This is the Gospel of our Lord...**Praise to you O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

***Please Stand***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #655 Son of God Eternal Savior**

**APOSTLES CREED (p. 105)**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *At the end of each prayer, Pastor will say "God of Grace" and the Congregation responds "**hear our prayer**"*

**PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

**OFFERING:** *Offering plates will be passed throughout who gives online or through automated giving, please to you.*



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***You May Sit***

**OFFERING HYMN:** *ELW #186 Create in me a clean heart*

**OFFERING PRAYER:** Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER – page 191**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING:** The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

***Please Stand***

## **SENDING HYMN: #650 *In Christ There is no East or West***

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Thank you to our Worship Assistants!**

**Greeters: (B)** Jerry & Becky Kesler **(H)**

**Readers: (B)** Kathryn Kammerude **(H)**

**Musicians:** Marlys Hittesdorf, Becky Johnson, Bev Lien & Cinda Hittesdorf

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**Keep in your Prayers:** We remember our members & friends, the sick and the homebound, those recovering or grieving, especially Bob Helmeid, Barb Nelson, Maggie Cernek (daughter of Sara & Matthew Cernek), Mary Gobrecht (mother of Kim Watrud), Doris Haldiman, Marilyn Torkelson, Steve Eastman, Ruth Vamstad, Lynette Stansfield, Sue Anderson, Rick Fredrickson, Jim Herbert (Pastor Chris's Brother in-law), Roger Strohm (Pastor Chris's Dad), Stuart Vamstad, Josalyn Riha, Katie Herbert (niece of Pastor Chris), Lisa Hartz (daughter of Elaine & Marv Engelke), Bev Lien, Dave Hermanson, Karen Beecher, Vicki Hughes, Roger Kittleson, Donna Arneson, Lyle Klosterman, Mary Carr, Doris Hermanson, Carl and Patty Schneider, Richard & Peggy Gilbertson, Carole Zweifel.

<b><i>Thank you to Shannon Marion for leading worship today!</i></b>
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You're invited to stay after the 8:30am service today at the Blanchardville site for the last **Praise Worship Service** this year, from 9:45-10:15.

**Pastor Chris Will be Gone** through Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> so Office Hours and Bible Study are canceled this week. **Coffee with the Pastor** is still on for Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:30am at Bistro on Main in Blanchardville.