

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 31st, 2025 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: #526 *God is Here!*

Please Sit

Children's Sermon

All children are welcome to come up to the front for the children's message.

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: O God, **you resist those
who are proud and give grace to those who are
humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that
we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
The word of our Lord...**thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 112

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!
² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be
blessed.**
³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of
compassion.**
⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting
remembrance. R**
⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
⁸ **Their heart is established and will not
shrink,
until they see their desire upon their
enemies.**
⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their
righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they**

**will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual affection continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of our Lord...**thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (page 188) (sung)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite

you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

Please Sit

SERMON

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Build a Longer Table* (see back of bulletin)

APOSTLES CREED (p. 105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *At the end of each prayer, Pastor will say "Hear us, O God" and the Congregation responds "**your mercy is great**"*

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

Please Sit

OFFERING: *Offering plates will be passed throughout the congregation. If you are someone who gives online or through automated giving, please feel free to use the pew card available to you.*



Offering is an opportunity to actively respond to all God has given by freely giving to support his church through the ministries at New Hope Lutheran. Offerings can be made online at newhopelutheran.info, by scanning the above QR code,

mailed, or placed in the security box outside of the church at the Blanchardville Site.

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.**

Please Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING – *page 190*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER – *page 191*

Please sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION & COMMUNION

HYMN: Lamb of God p.191

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

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: #787 *On Eagle's Wings*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Greeters: (B) Jerry & Becky Kesler (H) Jackie Chambers

Communion: (B) Teri Green (H)

Readers: (B) Tina Steiner (H) Bryan Lisser

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

Keep in your Prayers: We remember our members & friends, the sick and the homebound, those recovering or grieving, especially Andy Haffele, Maggie Cernek (daughter of Sara & Matthew Cernek), Mary Gobrecht (mother of Kim Watrud), Doris Haldiman, 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.

Weekly Bible Study continues Tuesday, September 2nd starting at 8am at River Bend Café. Verse for Sunday, September 7th – Gospel: Luke 14:25-33.

School Kits Update: *Cash donations are also welcome and need to be submitted by TODAY, Sunday, August 31st.*

We're well on our way to 200 kits and have a need for pens, pencils, notebooks and rulers. Thank you!

- 4 - 70 sheet notebooks wide or college ruled. No loose-leaf paper.
- 30 cm ruler
- 5 - **Unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 - black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)

Confirmation: We will be having a meeting this coming Wednesday Sept. 3rd at 7:00 pm in Blanchardville to hear all about the new year. Reminder that Confirmation is open to all 7th and 8th graders.

God's Work, Our Hands / Rally Day! Please join us on Sunday, September 7th at 10:00am at the Upper Shelter in McKellar Park in Blanchardville. Come for a church service to celebrate back-to-school season and to assemble School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Potluck lunch to follow.



*We Stand With
You In Love.*

**Women's Ministries/WELCA
2025 Biennial Convention and Gathering**

Saturday, October 4, 2025

**New Heights Church at
The Grove: Regional Community Center
314 Anne Street, Mazomanie**

Online Registration will open Tuesday, July 1. All must register online at **S-CSW**
WELCA web page <https://scsw-elca.org/welca/>

Pies and Volunteers

are needed for the Hollandale Community Homecoming Dinner, Saturday, September 6 11am-12:30pm. The dinner is made and hosted by the Women of New Hope Lutheran.

Please sign up at either church to contribute a pie.

Volunteer Workers Requested

Friday, September 5th, 9am: Make/cook meatballs and peel potatoes; Saturday, September 6th, 9am: Cook potatoes, heat up food, cut pies. All activities except for cutting pies are at the New Hope Lutheran Hollandale site. Pies will be cut at the Hollandale Fire House, the location of the dinner.

Talk to Jean Christen if questions or to volunteer.

UPDATED FOOD PANTRY HOURS: The hours at the Pecatonica Area Food Pantry have recently changed slightly. We are open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6-7 pm.

The September Calendar and Newsletter are now available on the website.

Mission Central will be taking a break on Labor Day, Monday, September 7th.

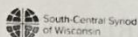
Everyone is Invited!

SCSW Fall Theological Conference Opening Event

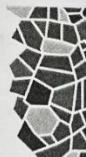
Use the QR code to register or let the office know and we'll do it for you.



The Grace Between Us



2025
FALL CONFERENCE



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14



Join Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez, author of “Jesus and John Wayne,” for a night of conversation around “The Grace Between Us.” Because something holy happens in the space between certainty and doubt, between pain and healing, between people who don’t always agree but are still willing to sit at the same table.

SCHEDULE

5:30pm - Welcome and Fellowship

6:15pm - Opening Remarks

6:30pm - Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez Keynote Address

8:00pm - Q&A and Fellowship

Scan the QR code to
register or visit
scsw-elca.org/fall2025/#



LOCATION

Bethel Lutheran Church
312 Wisconsin Ave, Madison

The Sunday evening event is free, thanks to the generosity of the Bethel Foundation.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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