

# 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, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

## **INTRODUCTION & WELCOME**

***Please Stand***

**OPENING HYMN: #715 Christ Be Our Light**

***Please Sit***

## **Children's Sermon**

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

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (pg. 94-96, left column)**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**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, **overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to**

**yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC – *Choir***

### **First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " <sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it

forever.' " <sup>14</sup> And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. The word of our Lord...**thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms: Psalm 51:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**<sup>2</sup> Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup> For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

**<sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned and done  
what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and  
right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**<sup>6</sup> Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep  
within.**

<sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**<sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

**<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful

and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 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 15:1-10**

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

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and

go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

***Please Sit***

**SERMON**

***Please Stand***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #588 *There is a Wideness in God's Mercy***

**APOSTLES CREED (p. 105)**

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

**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](http://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:

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### Blessing of Lay Communion Kits

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING:** The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Please Stand***

**SENDING HYMN: #802 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus***

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Thank you to our Worship Assistants!**

**Greeters: (B)** Ron & Ellen Syse **(H)** Gary & Andy Whitford Holey

**Communion: (B)** Ellen Syse **(H)** Gary & Andy Whitford Holey



**Readers: (B)** Julie Saether **(H)** Gary & Andy Whitford Holey

**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 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 Strohman (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.

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**Save the Date for the next Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am at the Hollandale Site (following worship). There will be one service at 10:00am at the Hollandale site on this day.

**Pastor will be away** attending the Fall Theological Conference in Middleton Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> (PM) through Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup>. Office hours and weekly bible study are canceled this week.

**Mission Central Resumes PM Hours** The Mission Room is open Mondays from 1-3 p.m. and again from 6-8 p.m. Feel free to come whenever and as often as you'd like to be a part of "God's Work/Our Hands".

**Welcome Back Choir!** Rehearsals continue every Wednesday at 7pm at the Blanchardville site. Come join us and make a joyful noise!

The **Pecatonica Food Pantry** will be open on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30 am at the Blanchardville site. *Note these are new hours.*

Want to participate in the **Homecoming Parade**? The Pecatonica Homecoming parade is Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please let the office know if you're interested in helping and having some fun representing our church.

Let Pastor know if you want to attend or chaperone the **Youth Gathering Expedition**, the weekend of October 31<sup>st</sup> at Lutherdale in Elkhorn, WI.

## Reminders:

- **Confirmation classes** start on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30-7:30 at the Blanchardville site in Fellowship Hall.
- **Service Times Change** Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>: Hollandale site at 8:30 and Blanchardville site at 10:30

**THANK YOU!** To everyone who helped in any way with the school kits. From donating supplies, delivering boxes, filling the kits, donating money, carrying boxes and supplies – we couldn't have done without any of you. We exceeded our goal and completed 225 kits. They have been taken to the loading site and are well on their way to helping kids succeed at school nationally and internationally. New Hope's generosity is amazing! THANK YOU!

**SECRET SANTA**  
Donations Welcome

Tools - Flashlights - Makeup - Perfume - Candles - Coffee Mugs - Crafts

Bakeware - Chocolates - Lotions - Grilling Utensils - Bakeware - Jewelry

It's that time of the year where we begin collecting donations for the Annual Holiday Bazaar held at the Pecatonica Elementary School.

The following new or gently used items would be appreciated:

- Small, Medium, and Large Gift Bags
- Adult Men and Women's Gifts
- Middle School & Younger Child Gifts

Contact Micah Busser with questions

**TONIGHT!!**  
**Open to Everyone**  
**SCSW Fall Theological Conference Opening Event**  
Use the QR code to register.



The poster features a central portrait of Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez, a woman with glasses and curly hair, wearing a dark top. The title "The Grace Between Us" is prominently displayed at the top in a serif font, flanked by decorative mosaic-like patterns. Below the title, it says "2025 FALL CONFERENCE" and "SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14". To the right of the portrait, there is a paragraph of text inviting attendees to join Dr. Du Mez for a night of conversation around her book "The Grace Between Us." The "SCHEDULE" section lists four events: 5:30pm - Welcome and Fellowship, 6:15pm - Opening Remarks, 6:30pm - Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez Keynote Address, and 8:00pm - Q&A and Fellowship. The "LOCATION" section identifies the venue as Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Ave, Madison. A QR code is provided for registration, with instructions to scan it or visit the website. A note at the bottom states that the event is free, thanks to the generosity of the Bethel Foundation.

**The Grace Between Us**

South Central Synod of Wisconsin **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/#](https://scsw-elca.org/fall2025/#)

**LOCATION**  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
312 Wisconsin Ave, Madison

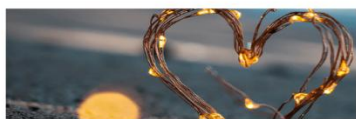
*The Sunday evening event is free, thanks to the generosity of the Bethel Foundation.*

The **Pecatonica Food Pantry** is being used more heavily than ever and we're asking for volunteer help as well as food/monetary donations. We need additional volunteer workers to staff open hours. Our hours 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. Please contact Jean Christian (608-574-1175) or Tiffany Bethke (608-212-9028) to learn more about how you can volunteer.

At this time, the food pantry could use the following specific items. They may be dropped off at either church site.

- Pancake mix
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Potatoes
- Hamburger helper
- Instant potatoes
- spaghetti sauce
- Ramen noodles
- Small containers of Vegetable oil and holiday baking items
- Juices
- Meat - beef, pork or chicken - we have a freezer.
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap

## 2025 BIENNIAL CONVENTION & GATHERING



*We Stand With  
You In Love.*

My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body.

- Proverbs 4:20-22 (NLT)

**2025 Biennial Convention & Gathering**

**Saturday, October 4, 2025**

**New Heights Lutheran Church @ The Grove**

314 Anne St., Mazomanie, WI

**Weekly Emails** are back! Please let the office know if you have any issues accessing or reading the emails or attachments.