



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

Service Times Change Next Sunday!

Sunday, September 28th, 2025 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: #532 *Gather Us In*

Please Sit

Children's Sermon

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (p. 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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC – *Choir*

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a}Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of
music,

⁶who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into
exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.
The word of our Lord...**thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, **⁷**for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, **⁸**but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. **⁹**But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **¹⁰**For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will

they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

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

Please Sit

SERMON

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: #729 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

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, 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.

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: #536 *God Be with You Til We Meet Again*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Greeters: (B) Ron & Ellen Syse (H) Flo Griffiths

Communion: (B) Ellen Syse (H) Flo Griffiths

Readers: (B) Jeff Saether (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.

Service Times Change next week!

Sunday, October 5th: Hollandale site at 8:30 and Blanchardville site at 10:30.

Confirmation classes start on **Wednesday, October 1st**, 6:30-7:30 at the Blanchardville site in Fellowship Hall.

The **Pecatonica Food Pantry** will be open Saturday, October 4th from 9:30-11:00am at the Blanchardville site.

Join Pastor Chris for **Bible Study** on Tuesday, September 30 from 8:30-9:30am at the River Bend Café. Verses for this week: First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9, Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14. Gospel: Luke 17:5-10.

Sunday School will resume on October 5th! Class will be from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings at the Blanchardville Site. Sunday School is for kids 4k through 6th grade. Please complete the **Sunday School Registration Form** found on our website: [SS Reg Form](#).

Join Pastor Chris Thursday, October 2nd for **"Coffee with the Pastor"** from 8:30am to 9:30 am in Blanchardville at "Bistro on Main".

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

Church Family,

As we move into the final stretch of the year, we want to express deep gratitude for your continued faithfulness and generosity. Your giving sustains the ministries, missions, and daily operations of our church, and we do not take that for granted.

At this point in the year, we are **approximately \$15,000 behind** in our projected giving. While this is not cause for alarm, it is something we want to address openly and prayerfully. Catching up will allow us to meet our commitments and prepare well for the ministry opportunities that lie ahead.

We ask each of you to consider how you might help close this gap. Whether through a one-time gift, a step toward regular giving, or simply praying with us for provision, every act of stewardship makes a difference.

We believe God is faithful, and we believe in the strength and unity of this church family. Let's press forward together and finish the year strong.

Pastor Chris Strohm



Shopping Tip: **Amazon Prime Big Deal Days** will take place October 7th - 8th. Here's the link/list for folks wishing to start virtual shopping. **Bonus:** Purchases get shipped directly to the Blanchardville site: [Amazon Secret Santa List](#).

Register by Tuesday, September 30th for the WELCA Convention & Gathering

There is still time to register for the
2025 Synodical Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention & Gathering

which will be held Saturday, October 4th at New Heights
Lutheran Church, Mazomanie, WI.

The theme is "*We Stand With You In Love.*"

Registration and payment are due by September 30.

<https://scsw-elca.org/welca/2025gathering/>



Use **SignUp Genius** to volunteer and donate: [New Hope Lutheran: New Hope Lutheran Fall Dinner and Auction](#). (This link can also be found on our website and Facebook associated with the **Fall Supper and Auction Events**.)

Items can be dropped at the community building on day of starting at 1:00pm. We would love a photo and information of any auction items coming so we can advertise them in the New Hope Lutheran Facebook page. Contact Kara Terrill if you have questions.