

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome - Thank you for sharing worship

Leading Worship

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Presiding	Pastor Jeff Swanson
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Video	Craig Sharp, Steve Marshall
Song Leaders	Susan Hernandez, Martina Jackson, Christine Swan
Flautist	Carol Riley

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

The Rite of Confession & Forgiveness. *It first appeared in the Middle Ages. Confession was introduced as part of the Priest's personal preparation for worship. With the Reformation the confession was opened to the entire congregation.*

All may make the sign of the cross ✠ , the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

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

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.
Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

W&P 2 A Story For All People

- 1 As people wait in darkness,
in fear of endless night,
send forth your word of comfort,
a message of great light.
The world stands proud before you,
conflicted, hungry, poor.
Come, scatter pride and foolishness,
and mend all souls with Savior love once more.

Refrain

A story for all people, old story new today.
A song of love and healing,
a light to show the way.

- 2 We come into your presence,
in hope and joy restored.
With eager hearts we listen,
and gather 'round your word.
We watch and wait your coming,
and pray for greater trust,
to know that while we wait for you,
Emmanuel, you watch and wait with us. *Refrain*

- 3 A time of preparation:
the guest is drawing near,
as mountain places crumble
and straightened paths appear.
Prepare a humble welcome
in ev'ry heart and home,
and celebrate the promise of

our God who is, and was, and is to come. *Refrain*

- 4 You call us to repentance,
to turn and start again.
You send your Holy Spirit
to drown the pow'r of sin.
We wonder in your mercy,
your singing festal voice;
and in your meal of bread and wine
we join the invitation to rejoice! *Refrain*
- 5 Renewed by this encounter,
we'll go out and proclaim.
We'll tell of your salvation,
and magnify your name.
The servant words of Mary
will swell the faithful soul,
and you will bring your children home
that day when all creation will be whole. *Refrain*

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Prayer Of The Day— *this prayer collects us together in prayer before the triune God and turns us toward the scripture themes of the day.*

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Generosity: Project New Hope

Come Holy Spirit and speak to us through the scripture readings,

Assigned but not read: Psalm 98 In righteousness will the Lord judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)

The First Reading is from the 4th Chapter of Malachi

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root

nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading is from the 3rd Chapter of 2 Thessalonians

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is from the 21st Chapter of Luke

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be

betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Oh Christ.

Message:

Pastor Jeff Swanson

WOV783 (Blue) Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God

- 1 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu Alleluia
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu Alleluia
- 3 We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu Alleluia

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The Prayers

God together we pray. You who root all of us, we pray for your discernment and wisdom upon all leaders of your church who proclaim the gospel. Help each of us to respond to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, your creation is beautiful and powerful. We pray for those around the globe suffering from natural disasters. We pray your strength be with organizations like World Hunger and Disaster Response which provide aid in crisis. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord we ask your hand on those who work in government, we pray for justice in our world. We ask your hand upon those serving in harms way in law enforcement and the military. Help all of us to turn from war and violence instead to actions of care which build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, so many are marginalized. We pray for those of us who's friends have abandoned us, have been hurt by family, or harmed by violence. We all hurt and we thank you for your care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new songs, energize us at New Hope for compassionate service and connection in worship and prayer. Help us to build equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every generation, we remember all that we loved who's examples inspired us. We rest in confidence in Christ's victory over death. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Peace - *Matthew 5:23-24 If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Also Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, "greet one another," a symbol of peace and of love.*

The God of love and peace be with you always.

And also with you.

Our Offerings to God *in gratitude to God we return a part of what he has given us as an offering realizing that all we have is God's. The offering that is gathered is for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need locally and worldwide.*

Giving QR Code



Enjoy the special music as the gifts are gathered. Piano Music: Gail Manago, Flute: Carol Riley

After the gifts are gathered, please stand as you are able and join in singing.

You Are Holy

ELW 525 (Red)

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

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Let us Pray, God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

Amen.

The Meal

Communion – Simply being here makes you a part of the New Hope Family. We invite and welcome everyone to share this sacred time of fellowship, forgiveness and renewal. More importantly, it is Jesus himself who welcomes and urges you to come forward.

In this “meal” of Communion we believe that Christ is truly present and comes to us, in, with and under the bread and wine. Christ’s real presence is one of the great mysteries of faith. This gift of Christ’s very self in the bread and wine proclaims God’s saving Word, feeds and nourishes our faith, forgives our sins, and sends us into the world to continue to be Christ’s real presence in the world today.

Christ is here among us.

Christ is truly with us

Words Of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us join together praying as Jesus taught us:

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,**

**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**

now and forever. Amen

Invitation To Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

All are invited to come to the banquet.

Communion Distribution

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say; The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. Each person may respond, Amen. The wine is red, if you prefer grape juice is light color. Place your empty cups in the baskets on the side

ELW 785 (Red) When Peace Like A River

- 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

- 3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

- 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*





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Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray, God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

Announcements

-  **Please continue to check** on members, friends and neighbors.
-  **Offering** - along with putting your offering in the offering plate as it is passed, you can mail to church, drop it off at church in the mail slot, use bill pay, you can go to – Thrivent choice, and make a personal donation.
-  **Share** with others New Hope's YouTube page.
-  **The Food** Pantry. We are open on Saturdays from 9-until food runs out. Always looking for volunteers, grocery bags, bottled water, can goods, cereal, etc

ELW 723 (Red) Canticle Of The Turning

- 1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

- 3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*
- 4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

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Benediction Blessing

We Are Sent Into The World To Share What Has Been Given To Us

Please stand as you are able

Please join in singing the **Sending Song**

***Brothers, sisters, all are we part of God's great family.
As we go from this place, may God keep us in His grace.
May God keep us in His grace.***

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE TODAY.

We are so glad you worshipped here today and invite you again. If you are looking for a faith family we invite you to consider New Hope

The Mission of New Hope is to discover, experience, and share God's love with our hearts, hands and voices.

New Hope's Vision: As followers of Christ we will:

- encourage a spiritual journey
- celebrate the diversity and gifts that each person brings
- learn from each other
- engage with the world around us

Commemorations

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231, Monday, November 17, 2025

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.

November 23—Pastor Rick Green

Readings for November 23: *Jeremiah 23:1-6 Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice, Psalm 46 I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10), Colossians 1:11-20 Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood, Luke 23:33-43 Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in Paradise*

New Hope QR Code



From Life to Death and Death to Life

In our baptisms we move *spiritually from death to life*. We are reminded of this in the words from the service of Holy Baptism: “In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 227). We begin in death, and grace raises us to life. Still, we tend to focus on the spiritual nature of this change or transformation. It is easy to forget that by the very nature of that baptism, we can in an instant move *physically from life to death* for the sake of the life we are gifted with in baptism. We hear the words of promise and trust in the gifts and blessings of baptism, but overlook the accompanying responsibility. Like a teenager with a brand new driver’s license we relish our newfound freedom and may forget all those other drivers on the road whose safety depends upon the new driver. The new life we receive in baptism is a life that is lived to God each day. On any given day we may be called upon to renounce, in some way, the God we serve and love. On any given day, we may be called upon to stand up for life—or for *a* life, or for *our own* life—or for someone’s freedom or safety, or for love, perhaps even under threat of death. Many around the world live that kind of life every day for the sake of the gospel. Jesus encouraged disciples to always be ready for the tests and trials that will somehow surely come. As we grow in the obedience, courage, patience, and love we need to keep the faith in difficult times.



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