



NEW HOPE LUTHERAN

with sites in Blanchardville & Hollandale

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April-May-June 2026:

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

Sunday, May 3, 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: #556 *Morning Has Broken*

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: Almighty God, **your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with**

you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music by the Choir (B)

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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

PSALM: 31:1-5, 15-16 Please read responsively

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;

deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,**

for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and
from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk,
so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you
have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by
mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and
⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual
house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual
sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For
it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to
shame."

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those
who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and

"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they
were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a
holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may
proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of
darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.
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: John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John...**Glory to you Oh Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not

believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it." This is the Gospel of our Lord... **Praise to you O Christ.**

Please Sit

SERMON

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: #758 *You Are the Way*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *At the end of each prayer, Pastor will say "Merciful God" 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*

Please Stand

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.**

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:

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty

of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: #377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Greeters/Ushers: (B) Ron & Ellen Syse (H)

Communion: (B) Ellen Syse (H) Kaye Gilbertson

Readers: (B) Ellen Syse (H)

Musicians: Marlys Hittesdorf, Becky Johnson, Cinda Hittesdorf, Carmen Danz, Andy Whitford-Holey