



NEW HOPE LUTHERAN

with sites in Blanchardville & Hollandale

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July-August-September 2026:

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

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: #597 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Please Sit

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your
sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

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) – Blanchardville Only

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, **with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens

and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138 Please read responsively – Blanchardville Only

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and
praise your name, because of your steadfast love
and faithfulness;**

**for you have glorified your name and your word
above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your
mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

**⁶The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me
safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right hand shall save me.

**⁸You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do
not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8 – Blanchardville Only

[¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the
basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your

reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Amen.

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (page 188) (sung)

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

The holy Gospel according to Matthew...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the

Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. This is the Gospel of our Lord...**Praise to you O Christ.**

Please Sit

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: #654 *The Church’s One Foundation*

APOSTLES’ CREED (page 105)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.

Please Stand

OFFERING HYMN: *ELW #186 Create in me a clean heart*

OFFERING PRAYER: **Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

People of God, people of life, we gather as a holy community, for a meal that has been shared countless

time, in countless place, and in countless ways. The first time this meal was shared, Jesus was gathered around a table with a ragged collection of people—outcasts, betrayers, the power-hungry, the fragile, the lonely, the lost. The first time this meal was celebrated, Jesus promised that it was for all time; that whenever the bread was broken and wine was poured, whenever the story was told around a table, he would be there. Today we remember the story as it has been told a thousand times over; we eat that bread, and we drink the wine, and we affirm that we all belong at this table and that Jesus is here.

So, if we come to this table angry,

Let this bread and wine be our peace.

If we come to this table broken,

Let this bread and wine be our grace.

If we come to the table betrayed,

Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.

If we come to the table in despair,

Let this bread and wine be our life.

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world and wine to quench thirsty hearts.

Thanks be to God.

THE LORD’S PRAYER – *page 191*

Please sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God p.19--***Blanchardville Only***

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share

your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen.

Please Stand

SENDING HYMN: #712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.