

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



& Youth Takeover Sunday
February 4, 2024
9:30 a.m.

HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Hope, Minnesota

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Welcome to WORSHIP at Holy Nativity!

Holy Nativity Lutheran Church ~ 3900 Winnetka Avenue North ~ New Hope, MN 55427
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Our Mission & Ministry: "Grounded in Christ's love, Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is a welcoming community dedicated to helping all know God's love through worship, service, and fellowship."

Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am
in person or on Facebook "LIVE"
at [facebook.com/holynativitynewhope!](https://facebook.com/holynativitynewhope)

The nursery is available (staffed) during worship for families with kids ages 3 and under.

Staff Members:

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom, Pastor
Iver Hubert, Director of Music & Worship
Lisa Stockert, Organist & Communications Coordinator
Kristen Chamberlain, Sunday School Director
Kari Johnson, Choristers Director
Linda Lien, Congregational Care Coordinator & Set-Up Funeral Coordinator
Wendy Grimes, Youth Ministry Associate
Tom Wiblishauser, Custodial Care & Activity Set-Up
Kara Holt, Financial Coordinator
Amy Laite, Sunday Nursery Coordinator (September through April)
Tawn Hanson, Wedding Coordinator
Brittany Anderson, Director of Week-Day
Childcare Center (hncccc.org)

Worship "Stream" Team:

Mark Chamberlain
Harper Chamberlain
Andrew Kubly
Chris Daniels
Isaac Daniels

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray, and reflect on why we are here.

GATHERING MUSIC

"In Thee is Gladness"

Theodore Beck

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Presider: Jimmy Roiger

P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

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

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD

GATHERING HYMN

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

Hymnal #617

GREETING & KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"Now the Feast"

Red Folder Pg. 3

(Congregation sings refrain to begin and after each verse)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison) Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sunday School Kids, Kari Johnson; director; Kara Holt, accompanist

*Ubi caritas, Ubi caritas,
Deus ibi est (Repeat)*

*Where there is charity and love,
God is there. God is there.
Where there is charity and love,
God is always there.*

*We have gathered in this place,
Joining hearts in love and praise.
Giving thanks to God above,
We go out to serve in love.*

GOD’S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

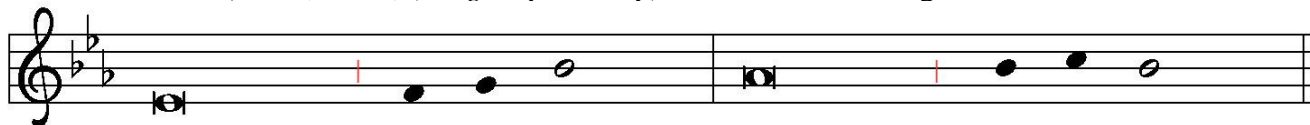
FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!



(first line of each verse)

(second line of each verse)

Leader: ¹ Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises ¹ to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor ¹ God with praise!

All: ² **The Lord re-¹ builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex-¹ iles of Israel.**

Leader: ³ The Lord heals the ¹ brokenhearted
and binds ¹ up their wounds.

All: ⁴ **The Lord counts the numbers ¹ of the stars
and calls them all ¹ by their names.**

Leader: ⁵ Great is our Lord and mighty-¹ y in power;
there is no limit ¹ to God's wisdom.

All: ⁶ **The Lord lifts ¹ up the lowly,
but casts the wicked ¹ to the ground.**

Leader: ⁷ Sing to the Lord ¹ with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp ¹ to our God,

All: ⁸ **who covers the heav-¹ ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up-¹ on the mountains.**

Leader: ⁹ God provides food ¹ for the cattle
and for the young ravens ¹ when they cry.

All: ¹⁰ **God is not impressed by the might ¹ of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed ¹ of a runner,**

Leader: ¹¹ but finds pleasure in those who ¹ fear the Lord,
in those who await God's ¹ steadfast love.

All: ^{20c} **Hal-¹ lelujah!
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SECOND READING

1st Corinthians 9:16-23

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark... Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord... Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Harper Chamberlain, 9th grader

MOMENT TO REFLECT (*We pause in silence.*)

WE RESPOND

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Hymnal #773

APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal Pg. 105

C: 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 THE PEOPLE

Charlotte Sommervold, Maddie Schmitz, Bridget Heffernan

(*After each prayer petition... P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*)

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always... C: And also with you.

OFFERING

(*If you are worshipping at home, you are invited to mail or drop off your offering, or donate online – go to our website at holynativity.net and click on "Make Donation." Thank you!*)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"As the Grains of Wheat"

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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LORD’S PRAYER (unison) **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 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**

DISTRIBUTION *~This sacrament is open to ALL who gather here~*
 ~Proceed forward via the center aisle~
 ~Pre-filled glasses contain juice; empty glasses will be filled by our servers~
 ~Gluten-free wafers are available beside the prefilled and empty glasses~
~Take your places around the altar to receive the bread and wine (kneel or stand)~
 ~Return via the side aisles and place your empty glasses in the baskets provided~
 ~If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher or pastor~

*If you are worshipping at home, you are invited to share Holy Communion in your homes, saying,
“The body of Christ, given for you,” and “The blood of Christ, shed for you,”
as you distribute the bread and wine.*

LAMB OF GOD Red Folder Pg. 10

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Healer of Our Every Ill” Hymnal #612

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” Hymnal #484

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER Red Folder Pg. 10

BENEDICTION

P: Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen**

MISSION HYMN *“Rise, Shine, You People!”* Hymnal #665

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC *“Rise, Go Joyously into Life”* Lani Smith

Flowers by the altar are given by Harold Hubbard in memory of Ruth Hubbard.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

<p>Sunday, February 4th <i>Youth Takeover & Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30am Worship w/Communion 10:30am Fellowship Time 10:45am Education for All 12:00pm – 3:00pm Holy Ghost Church</p>	<p>Thursday, February 8th Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 9:00am Quilting</p>
<p>Monday, February 5th Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 5:30pm Centering Prayer 6:00pm Worship area reserved 7:00pm Ensemble 7:00pm Scouts</p>	<p>Friday, February 9th Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm 2:00 – 6:00pm Fundraiser setup</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 6th Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Elizabeth Circle 3:45pm Staff Meeting 5:00 – 7:00pm Holy Ghost Church 7:00pm Treble Tones</p>	<p>Saturday, February 10th 12:00 – 3:00pm “Marty Gras” Fundraiser for Wildfire Every Meal</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 7th Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 9:30am – 11:30am Lounge reserved 5:45pm Dinner 6:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Nativity Choir</p>	<p>Sunday, February 11th Transfiguration Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Time 10:45am Education for All 12:00pm – 3:00pm Holy Ghost Church</p>
<p>PRISM is in need of all food donations. February’s Mission Offering is designated to Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery.</p>	

TODAY...

Youth Takeover Sunday is today! We’re excited to have our youth lead worship!

Education is at 10:45am:

- **Sunday Forum** meets in the worship area and is led by Pastor Jason. **Topic is Part 2 of “Beating Burnout: Rejuvenating Congregational Volunteers.”** *Burnout is a big problem in our modern world as we always seem to be overbusy, overstressed, overscheduled and under-rested! When burnout creeps in, it can rob us of the joy and satisfaction that we used to feel in our everyday activities. In a church, it can turn a happy volunteer into a resentful ex volunteer. How can we avoid this?*
- **Sunday School** begins and meets in the large room at the end of the Sunday School hall.
- **Youth Forum** (for 7th – 9th graders) is in the youth room.



THIS WEEK...

The **Second Annual Wildfire “Marty” Gras Fundraiser** (Marty = Martin Luther) to benefit Every Meal will take place in our Fellowship Hall this **Saturday, February 10th from 12:00 – 3:00pm** and will feature:

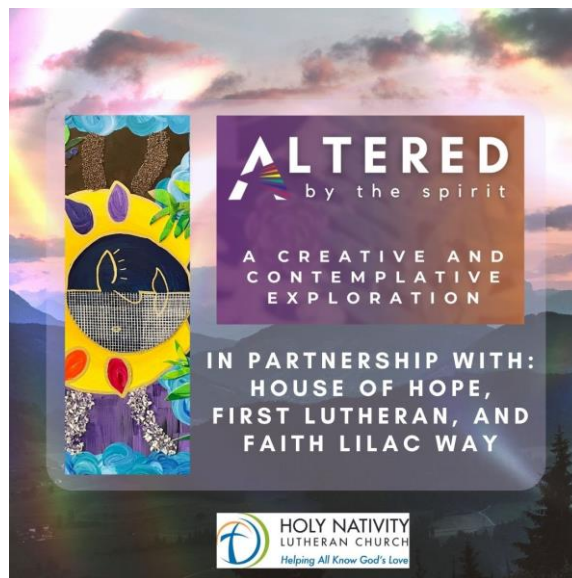


- Bingo and prizes (Pack of 10 games/3 grids each for \$20)
- Pizza, Popcorn and Soda Lunch for \$10
- Heads or Tails Bead Games - \$1 per strand of beads
- Bake Sale

This event is being held to raise funds to help with the cost of providing weekly food bags to District 281 elementary age students who are experiencing food scarcity. Five Wildfire churches are involved with the event; however help from each church is needed to ensure the success of this fundraiser. **Of greatest need is the donation of baked goods for the Bake Sale and help with serving Pizza, Soda, and Popcorn.** *If you can help, a sign-up sheet is available in the narthex or call Nancy Van Heel at 763-559-1190 to sign up or receive further information.*

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS...

Trivia Night Fundraiser! Please plan to join us on Tuesday, February 13th for Shrove Tuesday Trivia and Dinner! 6:00pm dinner and 7:00pm trivia. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the door. Come with your own team of up to eight people, or be assigned to one when you get here!



The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday worship on February 14th at 7:00pm. We'll have soup suppers each Wednesday at 5:45pm and worship at 7:00pm. Our series this year is “Altered by the Spirit.” We will experience a kaleidoscope of stories from the Book of Acts. We will be experiencing each of these stories with a new preacher each week, part of a round robin with some of our Wildfire partners (House of Hope, First Lutheran, and Faith Lilac Way).

Family Camp! We are returning to Camp Wapo February 23th – 25th for a weekend of rest together. Games, snacks, puzzles, movies, reading, broomball, hiking, naps, or nothing at all. Families, couples, singles – all are welcome! Cost: The cost for the weekend, which includes lodging and three meals on Saturday, as well as brunch on Sunday morning, is as follows. However, please note that there is a \$275.00 family maximum, so no family will pay more than that!

- Adults: \$90.00
- Ages 12-17: \$60.00
- Ages 3-11: \$50.00
- Under age 3: Free



Sign up deadline is Friday, February 9th. Have questions? Kristin Daniels would love to talk with you. Sign up on the kiosk or see Holy Post email for online signup!

Think summer! Camp Wapo registration is open! Holy Nativity's week is August 4th - 9th and it is open to anyone in grades 4-12. We have spots for Holy Nativity that will open up to the general public starting February 16th, so register before then. The deposit is \$150. We will try to fundraise the remaining cost, so please let Pastor Jason or Wendy know if you have registered. Visit the Camp Wapo website for info: <https://lakewapo.org/>.

February Mission offerings are designated for the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. In addition, beginning February 6th, there will be a Pack and Play in the narthex for clothing and other donations for the Crisis Nursery. The greatest need is for toddler clothing, sizes 2T - 4T. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued financial support! If you are worshiping with us at home, there are still many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity!

- **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
- **Scan this QR code with your phone to make a donation online.** Or go to our website at holynativity.net and click on “Make Donation.”
- **Contact the office to send you a Simply Giving form** for automatic withdrawals



*People & needs to keep in your prayers this week:
Delbert Haase, Family of Al Cummings (father of Adam Cummings),
Family of Chris Nichols (brother of Andy Nichols)*

*If you have a prayer request or update, or wish to be added to our prayer group,
please contact the church office at 763-545-1647 or office@holynativity.net.*

<i>Thank you to today's worship assistants!</i>	
Council Host	Joe Gartner
Scripture Reader	Isaac Daniels, Eloise Nichols, Harper Chamberlain
Cantor	Sunday School
Crucifer/Cross Bearer	Harrison Carlsrud
Greeter	Sunday School
Ushers	Nora Monner, Ellen Hakala, Charlie Grimes, Zachary Cummings, Thor Baker, Nolan Jacobson
Acolytes	
Communion Assistants	Addie Grimes, Joshua Daniels, Logan Holt
Social Hour/Coffee Hosts	Dean & Jan Birkholz, with assistance from: Tyler Toavs, Ella Cummings, Henry Duclos
Altar Guild Assistants	Nora Levenson, Karen Levenson

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