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**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany   January 28, 2018**

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Pastor: *Let us open our Worship Service this morning in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And all God’s children said:*

**“AMEN. PRAISE THE LORD!**” *(Psalm 106:48)*

Opening Hymn..**#210** (Red Hymnal and on screen)

…… “  Praise to the Lord, theAlmighty ”

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*Pastor:* Let us take a few moments to silently talk to God from our hearts

*Pastor:* Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer

**We confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore we come to you in the Name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, trusting in Your mercy, and asking Your forgiveness.**

*Pastor:* If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. (Romans 10: 8-10)

*Congregation*: **Lord Jesus, I believe in You. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise….**#188** and on screen

 …  “Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”

The Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Lesson…… (on screen)……......................................... **Ezra 7:7-10**

New Testament Lessons….(on screen.)……….………………… **I Timothy 4:7-8**

The Gospel.......... (on screen)….……..…........................................ **Matthew 4:1-4**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

 **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**

 **world without end. Amen**

Special Music: ..Junior Choir….. "O Be Careful"  & "Onward Christian Soldiers""

Children’s Sermon

Holy Baptism of **Jordy Wallace Nelson** and **Chad Albert French**

Pulpit Hymn …**#719** and on screen…………….. “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Message………………………………… **“ Exercise Yourself Towards Godliness”**

Hymn of the Day…… **#605** and on screen………………………..  Living For Jesus

The Apostles’ Creed (from Luther’s Small Catechism, Ambassador Publications, 2007)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was Crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen**

The Offertory *(presentation of our offering to the Lord)*

Response: **#88** Words below …..................................“More Precious Than Silver”

**Lord, You are more precious than silver,**

**Lord, You are more costly than gold.**

**Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,**

**And nothing I desire compares with You.** (x 2)

### Prayers of the Church (see insert, congregation may be seated)

After each petition the Pastor will pray: *“We ask this in Jesus Name.”*

Congregational Response: “**Thank you Lord Jesus.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn.. **#571 vs. 1 & 4 &** on screen……………..….. “Trust And Obey”

Closing Prayer

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: *Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.*

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you to **Debi Smith** for reading our scripture lessons. Thanks also to all the other participants in our service today for being a blessing in our worship.

**Lois Carlson** will be giving her **Mongolia Presentation** to our Adult Class following our Fellowship Hour today.

The rose on the altar is in honor of God's Blessings to **Jordy Wallace Nelson**and **Chad Albert French** on their Baptism today.  Jordy was born  on June 7, 2017 and is the son of Nick and Amy Nelson of Grantsburg.  Chad is Jordy's uncle and lives in Plainview, Minnesota.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, MEMBERS OF NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH:** The Annual Meeting of New Hope Lutheran Church will take place **NEXT Sunday, February 4, 2018,** immediately following the worship service. The Agenda for the meeting can be found in the fellowship hall. **A Copy of the Annual Report can be found in your boxes in the fellowship hall or if you do not have a box you may take one from the back table of the sanctuary.**

We are so blessed to have worshiped together today. We pray God’s blessings upon our members, friends, families and visitors. Visitors are invited to take a “Welcome Packet” and sign our guest book in the narthex. Visitors are also invited to join us for fellowship and coffee following the service.

**NEXT SUN.** 9:30 am...............................................................Worship Service

10:45 am……………..…………………Confirmation Instruction

 11:00 to noon…………...….……….Junior Choir/Sunday School

11:15 to 11:45 am........................................................ Adult Class

“Mongolia Presentation”

7:00 pm…...…..Not a Fan Bible Study-at the Blomberg Residence

**TUES.** 7:00 pm………………..………………..………… Bible Study Group

**WED.** 6:30am……………….………….……….……………Men’s Bible Study

 9:00 am………………..…..………...……………..……………..Quilting

 2:00 to 3:00 pm …………………....….……. Congregational Prayer Time

 After School 3:45 to 5:15 p.m…(at Calvary)…..………..…..Noah’s Park

 6:00pm………………………………..……………..……Handbell Choir

 7:00 pm……………………………………………….Adult Choir Practice

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 *Followed by coffee and fellowship* and *Annual Meeting*