**New Hope Lutheran Church**

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**15th Sunday after the Epiphany   September 22, 2019**

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..**#8**  (Red Hymnal and on screen) “Come, Thou Almighty King”

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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….**#92  vs. 1** and on screen……. “O How I Love Jesus”

The Prayer of the Day

First Lesson…… (on screen)……………………………….……….…**Joel 2:1**

Second Lesson…..(on screen.)…………………………**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

The Gospel............(on screen)….……..……………..................**Matthew 24:3-14**

**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**

Children’s Sermon

Pulpit Hymn… **#147 vs. 1, 3 & 4** & on screen……“How Great Thou Art””

Message…………………………………….. **“Understanding The Times”**

Hymn of the Day… **#774 &**on screen…“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

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)

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn….**#779** &on screen………………….... “ I’ll Fly Away”

Closing Prayer

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

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

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you to **Alma Karels** for reading our Scripture lessons for today.

**Thank You for the Wonderful Birthday Party** that you put on for Pastor Emory last Sunday. Pastor says,”Thank you to **Darlene Johnson** for organizing it and for all those who helped with serving and cleanup, brought food and made it such a wonderful celebration for all. Thank you for all the cards, gifts and birthday greetings that you gave to me. I am so grateful and blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation**.**

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**Thank You** to all who helped out at Grantoberfest yesterday.

**Confirmation Instruction** for those in the 7th and 8th grade is beginning today. Take a little fellowship time to get a bite to eat and drink and then meet in pastor’s office at 10:50

**Sunday School** for children in preschool through 6th grade begins today at 11am.

**All God’s Children Have a Place In the Choir!**

It’s that time again; the choirs will begin practicing this Wednesday, September 25! Please invite your friends and plan to attend!

Bell Choir practice will l begin at 6:30

Senior Choir practice will begin at 7:30

**Feed My Starving Children**

**This Saturday, September 28,** members and friends (minimum age is 5)of New Hope Lutheran are invited to **volunteer at Feed My Starving Children** from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at 401 93rd Ave. NW in Coon Rapids, MN. Feed My Starving Children partners with organizations around the world to reach God’s neediest children. We will meet at the church at noon and stop to have lunch on the way. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if your plan to attend so we can secure a place for you**. See Debi Smith for more information.**

**TODAY** 9:30 am...................................................................Worship Service

 *Followed by coffee and fellowship*

 10:50 to 11:25 am………………….………Confirmation Instruction

 11:00 to 12:00 pm………………………...Children’s Sunday School

 11:30 to 12:00 pm....................................................Adult Bible Study

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

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

 2:00 pm…………..………………….……….Congregational Prayer

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