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## Bits from Blayne

### Understanding Our Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Two

Dear Saints, if you've ever wondered why we worship the way we do, you're not alone. Our Divine Service follows a liturgical structure that may feel repetitive at times, but it is deeply rooted in Scripture and the historic Christian faith. Each part of the service is intentional—it's not just tradition; it's how God comes to us in Word and Sacrament. Here's a brief breakdown of our liturgy and how it aligns with God's Word:

1. Invocation
  - o "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)
  - o We begin by invoking the Holy Trinity, reminding us of our baptism and God's presence among us.
2. Confession and Absolution
  - o "If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us." (1 John 1:9)
  - o We confess our sins and receive God's promise of forgiveness through Christ.
3. Kyrie ("Lord, have mercy")
  - o "Lord, have mercy on us." (Psalm 123:3)
  - o A prayer for God's mercy in our lives and the world.
4. Hymn of Praise
  - o "Glory to God in the highest." (Luke 2:14)
  - o We join the angels in praising God for His glory and grace.
5. Scripture Readings
  - o "All Scripture is inspired by God." (2 Timothy 3:16)
  - o We hear readings from the Old Testament, Epistles, and Gospels, grounding our faith in God's Word.
6. Sermon
  - o "We preach Christ crucified." (1 Corinthians 1:23)
  - o The pastor proclaims God's Word, applying it to our lives today.
7. Creed
  - o "I believe in God..." (Apostles' Creed)
  - o We confess our shared faith, uniting us with Christians worldwide.
8. Prayers of Intercession
  - o "I urge that supplications...be made for everyone." (1 Timothy 2:1)
  - o We pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.
9. Offering
  - o "Honor the Lord with your substance." (Proverbs 3:9)
  - o We present our gifts as a response to God's generosity.
10. Holy Communion
  - o "THIS IS my body...THIS IS my blood." (Matthew 26:26-28)
  - o We receive Christ's true body and blood, for the forgiveness of sins.
11. Benediction
  - o "The Lord bless you and keep you." (Numbers 6:24)
  - o God's blessing is pronounced, sending us forth to serve.

You see, worship is not just something we do—it's something God does for us. The structure may feel familiar, but every part of the liturgy is designed to immerse us in the rhythm of God's grace. We are a liturgical church, and this is why: in the Divine Service, Christ Himself comes to His people. Week after week, through Word and Sacrament, He forgives, strengthens, and sustains us.

+In Christ  
Pr. Blayne

# Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Minister	Lector	Readings
<b>March 2</b> Sunday School Food Bank Sunday	9AM 10AM	Pastor Blayne	Frank Wright	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 99 Hebrews 3:1-6 Luke 9:28-36
<b>March 5</b> Ash Wednesday	6PM	Pastor Blayne		
<b>March 9</b> Communion Potluck Supper	4PM	Pastor Blayne	Duane Nelson	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-13 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13
<b>March 12</b> Soup Supper	6PM	Pastor Blayne		
<b>March 16</b>	9AM	Pastor Blayne	Denise Haynie	Jeremiah 26:8-15 Psalm 4 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35
<b>March 19</b> Soup Supper	6PM	Pastor Blayne		
<b>March 23</b> Communion	9AM	Pastor Blayne	Teri Ann Vejtasa	Ezekiel 33:7-20 Psalm 85 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
<b>March 26</b> Soup Supper	6PM	Pastor Blayne		
<b>March 30</b>	9AM	Pastor Blayne	Thomas Fritz	Isaiah 12:1-6 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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### Event Contacts

Baptisms - June Nelson - 406-485-2423  
Weddings - Wanda Robinette - 406-939-3404  
Funerals - Frank Wright - 406-974-2042

### Facebook Group

New Hope Lutheran Church

Location 1400 B Ave, Circle

## Cash Flow - Current Month

2/1/2025 through 2/28/2025

Category	2/1/2025- 2/28/2025
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
Uncategorized	0.00
Offering	1,502.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>1,502.00</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
Building Improvements	
Flooring	1,360.00
<b>TOTAL Building Improvements</b>	<b>1,360.00</b>
Donation	
Worship Building	750.00
<b>TOTAL Donation</b>	<b>750.00</b>
Internet Expense	20.75
Pastoral	250.00
Contract Pastor	500.00
<b>TOTAL Pastoral</b>	<b>750.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>2,880.75</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-1,378.75</b>

Financial Report submitted by Wanda Robinette.

## Sunday School

March 2  
Adults & Kids

Next  
Council Meeting  
Monday, March 10  
7PM

## Bible Studies

Wednesdays at  
6:30pm lead by Mabel  
Haynie at the  
Sr. Center



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## New Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting

January 14th, 2025

The council meeting of New Hope Lutheran Church was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Duane Nelson. Council members present were: Frank Wright, Duane Nelson, Jessica Bradley, Wanda Robinette and Denise Haynie. Pastor Blayne joined us via Zoom for the meeting. We will continue to use Zoom for those who have a distance to drive or just can't join the meeting in person, due to weather or other related reasons.

**Correspondence** – We received a nice thank you from the Clay Curtiss family for the food, service and prayers, for Clay's funeral service. We received a Christmas card from Dan Selbo, NALC from Texas. Minutes from the last meeting were read, Wanda made a motion to approve the minutes, Jessica seconded.

Wanda gave the treasurer's report. She presented the bills to be paid. Frank made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Denise seconded. The council would like to pay Katie for playing the piano on Christmas Eve, thank you so much Katie!!

### Committee Reports:

**Worship Committee:** We will not be having catechesis study for February, due to the annual meeting falling on the first Sunday. Pastor Blayne will be gone on February 9th. We will also have church at 9:00 a.m. that Sunday, February 9th, due to the Super Bowl that evening, possibly affecting attendance at 4:00 p.m. service. Blayne traveled to Whitewood, SD to meet with Pastor Baer today. He needed some help cleaning out a small church that had closed in the area. Blayne brought back some items that we can use here at New Hope Lutheran Church, thank you Blayne for all the nice items for the church. Our Easter schedule is taking shape for 2025, with March 5th the beginning, with our evening Ash Wednesday service, no soup that night. The rest of the Wednesday nights up to Easter we will be having soup supper before Lenten services. Easter Sunday will be April 20th.

**Finance Committee:** Budget planning was done for 2025.

**Education Committee:** Wanda decided to find a different Sunday School lesson for the new year due to cost. She ordered a hard copy lesson from Sola Publishing that was much more suited for her class size, with substantial savings, compared to the digital lessons she taught in 2024.

**Building Committee:** Duane said the carpet will be installed at the end of January. The step will be increased in size by Thomas Fritz and him before they come to install the carpet. Thank you guys for taking the bull by the horns and getting this done!

### Old Business:

Denise is working with ABC glass to get a quote for the solar window film for the east windows above the entrance. Blayne thought there may be some solar window film in the items he brought back from South Dakota church.

### New Business:

Our annual meeting will be on February 2nd, starting with worship, then brunch and the meeting to follow. The state annual report is due on February 15th. We need to add the flooring expense to the annual meeting agenda, along with the new budget for 2025. Wanda made a motion to move \$13,000 from the regular church account into the building fund to pay for the flooring expense, Jessica seconded. Jessica made a motion to give, from the good neighbor fund, \$500 to the McCone County ambulance and \$500 to the Circle Fire Department, with a thank you to each, for serving the community in times of need, Denise seconded. Wanda made a motion to give \$250, from the good neighbor fund, to Kim Brown, who lost her son. Frank seconded.

### Pastor's Report:

~Blayne would like us to text him during the week, any announcements, for church on Sunday.

~Blayne really enjoys his trips to Whitewood, SD. They are very good fellowship time with the other pastors in the NALC/LCMC.

~St John's Lutheran Church in Jordan had a consultation meeting with the ELCA bishop. They had a 100% vote in favor of leaving the ELCA, they will have a second vote in 90 days.

~Blayne visited with us about his plans for first communion/confirmation

~Blayne mentioned the NALC national youth convention for high school age students

Blayne left the meeting so we could discuss the pastoral part of the budget for 2025. Frank made a motion to present the budget to the congregation at the annual meeting, Jessica seconded.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m., with Zoom offered for those who can't make it to the church.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Newsletter items due by the 20th of each month!

Respectfully submitted, Denise Haynie

**Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand  
of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.**

**1 Peter 5:6**



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**Lent starts on  
March 5th with an  
Ash Wednesday Service.**