

**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP:** Christmas Day worship at Faith 10am *No worship at N New Hope*  
**NORTH NEW HOPE SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** Sunday School at 9:30am before worship. Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Noisy Offering last Sunday of every month. Please be generous as this funds the Sunday School. NNH Sunday school will take a Winter break after the Christmas Pageant, resuming classes on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2026!  
**FAITH LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** Faith Sunday School is held during worship, inform ushers your child is attending & Josh/Chelsea will lead them to the Fireside room for lessons, crafts, treats, & fun!  
**ONLINE BIBLE STUDY:** Online Bible Study Wednesday's 3:30pm.  
**GREETING CARDS AT FAITH:** Greeting cards at Faith-*Free Will donation*  
**COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS MONTHLY:** *FAITH:* 1st Sunday after worship during coffee hour  
*N NEW HOPE:* 2nd Sunday before worship @ 10:15am.  
**NORTH NEW HOPE POINSETTIAS:** Thanks to: David & Lenore Peterson in memory of parents. Mark & Tammie Ellingson in memory of Ellingson family members. Pat Ludeman in memory of parents. Marge Krogwold. Raddatz family in memory of Amy (Raddatz) Pearson. Jim & Sandy Hotvedt in memory of parents and niece, Jessica. Please take plants home after Christmas Eve worship or December 28<sup>th</sup>.  
**FAITH POINSETTIAS:** Thank you to everyone who brought Poinsettias to beautify our altar. Please take plants home after Christmas Day worship or December 28<sup>th</sup>.  
**ENCHANTED FORESTAT THE ROSHOLT FAIRGROUNDS:** Please come up to the fairgrounds and witness all the beautiful Christmas Trees. Faith put up a tree and the tree is awesome! The Enchanted Forest is open with special holiday hours on December 26 & 27 3pm to 6pm  
**ROSHOLT PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:** Rice, Ravioli, Canned Fruit, Canned Peas, Canned Carrots, and brown paper bags with handles. Donation baskets in Narthex at Faith. Rosholt Food Pantry is open on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month 3-5pm. If you have a need or know of any families in need, Please reach out to Dawn Cherek 715-570-3045. Rosholt Pantry is completely confidential  
**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF PORTAGE COUNTY:** ADRC Nutrition Program for seniors aged 60 and older. Rosholt ADRC dining site Nelson/Kaminski American Legion Hall. Meals are served on *2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays* every month. Noon lunch. Suggested donation of \$5. *RSVP Lisa, 715-347-4856.* No meal Christmas Day.

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**Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Nativity of Our Lord; Christmas Eve**  
**Holy Communion**



**Preparation for Worship** – As the short days already begin to lengthen, nature itself reminds us that the true Light has come into the world. Tonight we celebrate his glory!

**Words of Welcome** – Welcome to Christmas Eve worship! This holy night, we sing with the angels: “Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward all!” (Luke 2:14, KJV).

*DEADLINE MARCH NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 18, 2026, 2pm DEADLINE BULLETINS WEDNESDAYS 2pm*

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Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Nativity of Our Lord; Christmas Eve

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.   **Amen.**  
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.   **Amen.**  
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.   Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.   Amen.**  
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.   **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

(Red Hymnal #283)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

KYRIE

(Red Hymnal p147)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(Red Hymnal p149)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.   Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.   **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 96

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup> Declare God’s glory among the nations and God’s wonders among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup> **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> **Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is king!**  
**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”**

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

<sup>12</sup> **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,**  
**for you come to judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup> You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FAITH:

*Celtic Alleluia*

(Red Hymnal #174)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION N NEW HOPE:

*Alleluia*

(Red Hymnal p151)

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Rev Joyce Heintz

HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

(Red Hymnal #279)

CREED

(Red Hymnal p105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Empowered by the news of Christ’s birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need…  
…Hear us, O God.                               **your mercy is great.**  
… trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.    **Amen.**


PEACE


The peace of Christ be with you always.                               **And also with you.**

OFFERING:

*What Child is This*

(Red Hymnal #296)

  
Faith, Rosholt

  
North New Hope

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.   Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

(Red Hymnal p152)

PREFACE

(Red Hymnal p153)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(Red Hymnal p153)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;…  
…. for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD’S PRAYER

(Red Hymnal p154)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION SONG

*Lamb of God*

(Red Hymnal p.154)

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

(Red Hymnal #282)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.   Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.   **Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother’s tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.   **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.   **Amen.**

CANDLE LIGHTING DURING SENDING SONG:

SENDING SONG

*Silent Night*

(Red Hymnal #281)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news                               **Thanks be to God.**

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