



8th Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2023

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music:

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude:

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **C: Amen.**

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

C: Have mercy, O God, against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us new hearts and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

L: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

C: Blessed be God forever.

Gathering Song: The Night You Gave Us, God, Has Ended

ACS #994

1. The night you gave us, God, has ended,
The darkness hails the sun's bright rays;
As shadows flee and earth awakens, we rise again to sing your praise.
2. We thank you for each glorious sunrise
That paints the earth a golden hue;
Each day your grace grants new beginnings, the chance to start again anew.
3. Bless those who work in hours of darkness,
Who serve and toil while others sleep;
Their lives of caring and protecting reflect your love so strong and deep.

4. We pray for energy and passion
To live our lives each day for you;
May all around us sense your presence in all we say and all we do.
5. We praise you, God, for nature's rhythms,
For dark and daylight, stars and sun;
Your whole creation sings your glory, O Trinity, most Holy One.

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

Hymn of Praise: O Spirit All-Embracing

ACS #944

1. O Spirit all-embracing and counselor all-wise,
unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies:
Unfailing is your treasure, unfading your reward;
surpassing worldly pleasure, the riches you afford.
Come, stream of endless flowing, and rescue us from death;
Come, wind of springtime blowing, and warm us by your breath.
2. O Beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face,
You show yourself amazing in unexpected place.
We see you and remember what once our dreams had been;
You fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within.
Come, fire of glory gracious, bless all who trust in you;
Undying flame tenacious, burn in your church anew.
3. Come, passion's power holy, your insight here impart,
And give your servants lowly and understanding heart
To know your care more clearly when faith and love are tried,
To seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died:
For vision we implore you, for wisdom's pure delight;
In prayer we come before you to wait upon your light.

L: Let us all pray... **C: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Romans 8:12-25

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:11-17

L: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;

C: give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

L: I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart and glorify your name forevermore.

C: For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

L: The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

C: But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

L: Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

C: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Pastor Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: O Holy Spirit, Enter In

ELW #786

1. O Holy Spirit, enter in, and in our hearts your work begin,
and make our hearts your dwelling.

Sun of the soul, O Light divine, around and in us brightly shine,
your strength in us up-welling.

In your radiance life from heaven now is given overflowing,
gift of gifts beyond all knowing.

2. Left to ourselves, we surely stray; oh, lead us on the narrow way,
with wisest counsel guide us;
And give us steadfastness, that we may follow you forever free,
no matter who derides us.
Gently heal those hearts now broken; give some token you are near us,
whom we trust with light to cheer us.
3. O mighty Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in doubt and strife
be in us strongly burning,
That we be faithful unto death and live in love and holy faith,
from you true wisdom learning.
Lord, your mercy on us shower; by your power Christ confessing,
we will cherish all your blessing.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

ELW p. 227

Baptized today is Dederia (Dee) Wood

Prayers of the People (petitions end... "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his name. One of the ways we do this is through the care of this facility. We appreciate the faithfulness of our members in making regular contributions of your time, energy, prayers, and money to this work! If you are worshiping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be.)

Offertory Music:

Offering Response: As Saints of Old (v. 3 only)

ELW #695

3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves away until life's work is done.

Offertory Prayer: **C: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught: **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 us 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.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Be Known to Us

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Hymn during Communion: As We Gather at Your Table

ELW # 522

1. As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.
2. Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW #689

1. Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
For all things living, you have made good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
2. God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
That with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
Harvesting, milling for daily bread.
3. Father, providing food for your children,
By Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
One with another, so that, rejoicing
With us, all others may know your care.
4. Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
Freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger,
Your love sustaining showers the land.

L: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Accompanist: James Rickley, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of July 23:

- **Thank you** to the Congregational Life team for hosting the Ice Cream Social!
- **NEXT SUNDAY** (July 30) is a combined worship of First English and New Hope Lutheran churches. Worship is at 10 am at New Hope.

Keeping in Prayer... Dorothy Sowa, Ron Coons, Noah, Elaine, Walt & Sandy, Dorothy Roseth, Jerry, Toni, Steven Megan, Scott, Haley

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