



10th Sunday after Pentecost August 6, 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: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW #461

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Romans 9:1-5

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

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

L: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

L: The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

C: The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

L: You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C: You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

L: You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

C: You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

L: You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

C: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Sermon

Marcia Swenson, LPA

Hymn of the Day: We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW #479

1. We come to the hungry feast – hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
2. We come to the hungry feast – hungry for a world released
From hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
3. We come to the hungry feast – hungry that the hunger cease,
And knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

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 providing financial and volunteer support for the Helping Hands food ministry and Family Promise Great Falls. 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: By Your Hand You Feed Your People ELW # 469

1. By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread.

For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:

REFRAIN: Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'erflowing, life out-poured,
Given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

2. In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.

Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. (refrain)

3. Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved.

In our living and our dying, we become what we receive: (refrain)

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: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
REFRAIN: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
Loaves abound!
2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. (refrain)
3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! (refrain)

L: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Accompanist: James Rickley, organ

Thank you... to Marcia Swenson for leading us in worship today! Marcia is a Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA) within the Montana Synod – ELCA and has been authorized by Bishop Jungling to provide pastoral leadership in our congregation today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for week of August 6

- 1st Monday Night Quilters will meet tomorrow (Aug. 7) from 6-8 pm in the Social Hall at New Hope.
- Pastor Tammy will be out of the office July 31 – August 13. If you have a pastoral care need, please contact Gaynell Tempel (NHLC) or Marcia Swenson (FELC)

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