

First English Lutheran Church

August 6, 2023

✝ Gathering

Gathering Music

Welcome

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: *ELW 461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

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: *ACS 944 O Spirit All-Embracing*

Prayer of the Day

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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

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

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

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

Responsive reading of Psalm 145:8-9. 14-21

R: 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.

R: 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 food in due season.

R: 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.

R: 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.

R: 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 *ACS page 33*

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Children's Time and Sermon: Marcia Swenson, LPA

Hymn of the Day: *ELW 479 We Come to the Hungry Feast*

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

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

L: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

(Each petition ends . . . "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.

✝ Meal

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 online or in person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! As you listen to the music, 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

ELW 695 (vs. 3 only) As Saints of Old

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

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

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

L: 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

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

C: 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 *ACS page 40*

Hymn During Communion: *ELW 469 By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Announcements and Opportunities to Serve

Benediction

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: *ELW 674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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.

Thank you to James Rickley, organist/pianist at New Hope Lutheran Church for filling in for Carole, who is on vacation this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--- 1st Monday Night Quilters will meet tomorrow (Aug. 7) from 6-8 p.m. in the Social Hall at New Hope. Come in the back entrance.

--- Pastor Tammy will be out of the office July 31-August 13.
If you have a pastoral care need, please contact Marcia Swenson.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Worship Assistants – Please sign up to be an usher, reader, communion setup/assistant for Sunday worship services. Training will be provided.

Coffee/Fellowship Hosts – Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to be a host for fellowship time after worship on Sundays.

Helping Hands is in need of toilet paper, milk, can openers. If you have items to drop off, please bring them on Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m. or call Carrie at 406-868-7882 to coordinate a time. Please do not leave items at the back door of the Parish House.

Helping Hands also needs volunteers to sort produce on Thursday mornings. Coordinate with Carrie Parker to get a key.



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