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August 13, 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: Now That the Daylight Fills the Skies

ACS #992

1. Now that the daylight fills the sky, we lift our hearts to God on high,  
that God, in all we do or say, would keep us free from harm today.
2. Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife,  
from anger's din would shield our life;  
from evil sights would turn our eyes, and close our ears to vanities.
3. "All praise to you, creator Lord! All praise to you, eternal Word!  
All praise to you, O Spirit wise!" We sing as daylight fills the skies.

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: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 10:5:15

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

Psalms 85:8-13

L: I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**C: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may swell in our land.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;

**C: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

L: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,

**C: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

**C: Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Children's Time

Sermon

Jim Carlson, LPA

Hymn of the Day: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW #756

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
4. O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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 support for special needs at Giant Springs and Sunnyside Elementary Schools. 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 [...] 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

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: My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW #763

1. My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

REFRAIN: No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (refrain)
3. What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (ref.)
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing! (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 Jim Carlson for leading us in worship today! Jim 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 13

- New Hope Church Council meets at 7 pm on Tuesday, Aug. 15 in the Fireside Room

- R.O.M.E.O. Men's Lunch Group meets Thursday, Aug. 17 at 11:30 in the Fireside Room

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