



20th Sunday after Pentecost October 15, 2023

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

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Largo* from Symphony for a New World Op. 95 A. L. Dvořák

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Intermezzo* from Klavierstucke Op. 52 A. L. Dvořák

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: 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.

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: Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (v. 1, 3, 4 only) ELW #864

1. Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!
3. Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But, as mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!
4. Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

L: Let us all pray... **C: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

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

Responsive Reading of Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

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

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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: 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)

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 through our partnership with the Helping Hands food pantry. 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: *Pie Jesu* from Requiem Op. 48

G. U. Fauré

Offering Response: We Plow the Fields and Scatter (v. 2 only)

ELW #681

2. You only are the maker of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
Much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread.
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

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

Be Known to Us

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Hymn during Communion: O Living Bread From Heaven

ELW # 542

1. O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'erflows!
2. My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
And here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
For you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.
3. You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.
4. Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless 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: Give to Our God Immortal Praise! ELW #848

1. Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.
2. He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.
3. Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

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

Postlude: *In Paradisim* from Requiem Op. 48

G. U. Fauré

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for week of October 15:

- Executive Team meets TODAY after worship in the Pastor's office.
- Symphonic Choir concert today at 2 pm at 1st United Methodist Church.
- Montana Synod LPA class – TODAY in the Fireside Room. (9 am- 3 pm)
- New Hope Church Council meets Tues. 10/17 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room.
- GF Jazz Band rehearses 7-9 pm in the Social Hall – Wednesday
- Handbells rehearse at 5:40 pm on Thursday in the Sanctuary
- GF Community Band rehearses Thursday from 7-9 pm in the Fireside Room
- Next Sunday, Oct. 22 – Service of Thanksgiving and Holy Closure at First English Lutheran Church – 2 pm.
- Small Catechism Refresher – 4 week adult study begins Wed. 10/25 in the Library

Coming soon...

- Sunday morning worship time changes to 10:00 am on Oct. 29th
- Daylight savings time ends. Change clocks back one hour on Nov. 5.
- All Saints' Sunday is Nov. 5th. If you have a family member who has died since last All Saints (11/6/22), please let Pastor Tammy know so that their names may be included in the prayers for this day.

Keeping in Prayer... Helen, Linda, Carl & Harley, Marilyn, Angie, Ray, Ron, Dorothy, Noah, Elaine, Dorothy, Jerry, Toni, Steven, Megan, Walt & Sandy, Scott, Haley,

Accompanist: James Rickley, organ

Reader: Dee Wood

Communion Asst: Melanie Jensen

Cantor: Victoria Bull

Fellowship: Coulters