



Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024 – 10:00 am

New Hope Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Cwm Rhondda*

John Hughes / arr. James J. Stanley

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *Morecambe*

Frederick Atkinson / arr. Mark Hayes

RESPONSIVE DIALOG: (*adapted from Romans 10:8-13*)

L: The word is near you, **C: on your lips and in your heart.**

L: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

L: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Gathering Hymn: Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

ELW #401

1. Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.

It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

Refrain: Come, come, come, Holy Spirit come. (repeat)

2. Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.

Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. (refr.)

3. Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.

Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame. (refrain)

4. Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;

Turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. (refrain)

5. Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure.

Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. (refrain)

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

Kyrie

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Glory to You, God

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1. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours is the promise, the blessing the birth.
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
2. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
3. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the anointing, the radiant worth.
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

L: Let us all pray... **C: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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

Responsive reading Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

L: How manifold are your works, O Lord!

C: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

L: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

C: There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

L: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

C: You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good things.

L: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

C: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

L: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

C: You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

L: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

C: May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord. Hallelujah!

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Children's Message

Sermon:

Pr. Steve Van Gilder

Hymn: As the Wind Song

ACS #943

1. As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,
So it is with the Spirit of God,
As the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm,
So it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown
Bringing life, bringing pow'r to the world,
As the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire,
So it is with the Spirit of God.
2. As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,
So it is with the Spirit of God,
As the green in the... spring, as a kite on a... string,
So it is with the Spirit of God,
Making worlds that are new, making peace come true,
Bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
As the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the... feast,
So it is with the Spirit of God.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed. ACS p. 16

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

P: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves. (petitions end: "Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**")

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

The Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy! In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. One of the ways we do this is through our partnership with the Helping Hands food ministry. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayer to this work! If you are our guest today – either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory: *Wareham*

William Knapp / arr. Nigel Williams

Offering Response: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow ELW #885
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Gracious God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. Use these gifts and the offerings of our lives to proclaim your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 & Lord's Prayer

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

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Hymn during Communion: Bread of Life From Heaven

ELW #474

Refrain: Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
We eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.

1. Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. (refrain)

2. Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
that the fullness of life will be yours. (refrain)
3. Love as the one who, in love for you,
Gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
That your hunger and thirst be no more. (refrain)
4. Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;
Make your home in the life-giving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
And believe in the truth you have heard. (refrain)
5. Drink of this cup and declare his death;
Eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
Trust his return and , with ev'ry breath,
Praise the one in whom you are reborn. (refrain)

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

P: Let us all pray... **C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope! Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

1. God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,
There with Christ to bear the cross.
2. God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth,
Kindle us to speak your truth.
3. God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,
Make us one in Christ our Lord.
4. God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work,
Claim us for your kingdom's work.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Nicea*

John Bacchus Dykes / arr. David Lasky

THANK YOU... to Pastor Steve Van Gilder for leading today's worship!

Accompanist: James Rickley **Cantor:** Gaynell Tempel

Reader: Crystal Dewell **Communion Assistant:** Coulters

Fellowship: Glen & Leanna Coulter



Announcements for the week of May 19:

- TODAY: Piano recital for students of Linda Hallock, 3 pm in the sanctuary.
- Church council meets Tuesday, May 21 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room.
- Coming Up: Synod Assembly May 31-June 1 in Billings.

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, June 9. If you would like to be included in this group, please contact church council chair Barbara Ovitt or Pastor Tammy.

Keeping in Prayer... Barbara; Holly; Karen & Rick; Ann; Wayne; Alice; Aaron; Rachelle; Ron; Ace; Alashanee; Wyatt; Beckett; Tim; Alex; Ike & MaryAnn; Arvin; Elizabeth & John; Hy & Becky; Chris; Beth; Dawn; Brian; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Rachel; Don & Donna; Rose; Ann & Ted; Carl & Harley; Sandy; Noah; Elaine; Dorothy; Jerry; Toni; Steven; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta

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