



Holy Trinity Sunday
May 26, 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: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

L. Bourgeois/ arr. K. Uppercue

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *Holy Spirit, Light Our Darkness*

Robert J. Powell

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world. **C: Amen.**

L: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin. *(a brief silence is kept for reflection)*

L: God and Father of all,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: The Play of the Godhead

ACS #946

1. The play of the God-head, the Trinity's dance,
embraces the earth in a sacred romance,
with God the Creator, and Christ the true Son,
entwined with the Spirit, a web daily spun
in spangles of myst'ry, the great Three-in-One.
2. The warm mists of summer, cool waters that flow,
turn crystal as ice when the wintry winds blow.
The taproot that nurtures, the shoot growing free,
the life-giving fruit, full and ripe on the tree:
more mystic and wond'rous, the great One-in-Three.
3. In God's gracious image of co-equal parts,
we gather as dancers, uniting our hearts.
In tune with the music of all living things,
we join in the round of bright nature that rings
with rapture and rhythm: creation now sings!

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.**

Kyrie

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Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

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: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

C: God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

L: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

C: The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a wild ox.

L: The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

L: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

C: and in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

L: The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

C: O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-17

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW #412

1. Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun –
The interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
But as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.
2. Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
Then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
When fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.
3. Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
Set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
4. Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
We sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
To shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed

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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

(petitions end with the words: “Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**”)

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 the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We appreciate your gifts of time, energy, money, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today – either on person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory: *Voluntary*

John Stanley/ arr. Geoffrey Edwards

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: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. 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: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

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Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: Womb of Life and Source of Being

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1. Womb of life and source of being, home of ev'ry restless heart,
In your arms the worlds awakened: you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather round you, at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.
2. Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,
You have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of life and Death of death,
Risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.
3. Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.
When our mem'ry fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.

Labor with us; aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,
Free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.

4. Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:
We would praise your name forever, One-in-Three and Three-in-One.
We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new,
Ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

L: 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: Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: Almighty and merciful God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

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1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

L: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Fanfare*

Douglas E. Wagner

Announcements for Week of May 26:

- The church office will be closed on Monday, 5/27, for Memorial Day.
- Synod Assembly is 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 get in touch with our Church Council chair Barbara Ovitt, or Pastor Tammy.

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

Accompanist: James Rickley **Cantor:** Jodie Tooley **Reader:** Holly Hesper

Communion Assistant: **Fellowship:** Carol & Marv Strom

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