



11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 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: *Kyrie eleison*

Angela Kraft Cross

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *Dialog*

Daniel E. Gawthrop

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.**

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
2. The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown –
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
And we through him are given the final victory.
3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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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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: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading from Psalm 78

L: So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven, raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.

C: So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

L: The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

C: raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas, letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.

L: So the people ate and were well filled,

C: for God gave them what they craved.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

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 6:24-35

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: O Bread of Life From Heaven

ELW #480

1. O bread of life from heaven, O food to pilgrims given, O manna from above;
Feed with the blessed sweetness of your divine completeness
The souls that want and need your love.
2. O fount of grace redeeming, O river ever streaming from Jesus'
wounded side:
Come now, your love bestowing on thirsting souls, and flowing
Till all are fully satisfied.
3. We love you, Jesus, tender, in all your hidden splendor within these
means of grace.
Oh, let the veil be riven, and our clear eye in heaven
Behold your glory face to face.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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 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. The power of Jesus blesses and works through each and every gift to transform the lives of those who give as well as those who receive. The Special Offering during the month of August will support ELCA Disaster Relief. 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: *O Bread of Life from Heaven*

Heinrich Isaac/ arr. J.S. Bach

Offering Response: God of the Fertile Fields (v. 2 only)

ACS #1063

2. We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;
Help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere,
that all may live.

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: As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;

so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. (refrain)
2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. (refrain)

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.**

1. Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone;
As you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.
2. Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.
3. Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart;
And wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

L: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Fanfare in C minor*

Michael Helman

Accompanist: James Rickley **Cantor:** Victoria Bull **Reader:** Julie Haviland

Communion Assistant: Melanie Jensen **Fellowship:** Donna Winters

Acolyte: Jory Burkstrand

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Announcements for Week of August 4:

- Capital Campaign Committee meets next Sunday, Aug. 11th after the worship service.
- The August Special Offering supports ELCA Disaster Relief.

SAVE THE DATE:

Family Promise Day at the Voyagers – Sunday, August 11th. Tickets available at the Family Promise Hub (1025 Central Ave).

RUMMAGE SALE at New Hope – Saturday, August 17th. Proceeds will be split between the Pew & Flooring project and Helping Hands.

New Hope Voyagers' Night – Thursday, August 29th. Purchase your own tickets and sit together as a group for a fun night of baseball!

THANK YOU... to everyone who picked up extra responsibilities during Pastor Tammy's time away.

Keeping in Prayer... MaryAnn, following Ike's death; Cheryl; Carl & Harley; Ann; Rachelle; Ace; Arvin; Elizabeth & John; Hy & Becky; Beth; Brian; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Don & Donna; Sandy; Noah; Dorothy; Jerry; Toni; Steven; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta, Elaine.