



**13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 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: *Bunessan*

trad.Gaelic melody/ arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *Pastorale*

Robert Lau

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. Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
2. God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.
3. Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
One with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.
4. Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger,
your love sustaining showers the land.

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: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading from Psalm 34

L: Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

C: The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

L: Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

C: Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

L: Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

C: Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

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 6:51-58

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Rev. Tammy Bull

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: In This Feast of Love

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1. In this feast of love, in this feast of love,
Lord, you share your blood and your body, Jesus, Lamb of God.
2. In this bread and wine, in this bread and wine,
You have promised, Lord, to be with us, Lamb... of God divine.
3. Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us peace, O Lord;
Fill us with the joy of your Spirit, ever-living Word.

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. 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: *Give Thanks Unto God*

E.L. Ashford/ arr. Michael Ryan

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

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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.**

Sending Hymn: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #543

1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

3. “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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

Postlude: *A Joyful Trumpet*

Patricia Lou Harris

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Victoria Bull

Reader:

Communion Assistant:

Fellowship: Patty Harrison & Carla Lux

Acolyte: Jory Burkstrand



Announcements for Week of August 18:

- Executive Team meets today after the worship service.
- Church Council meets Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 7 pm in the Library

Thank you... to Jodie Tooley and to everyone who helped with the Rummage Sale yesterday!

SAVE THE DATE:

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

Keeping in Prayer... Pat; Danny; Triston; Fred; Bob; MaryAnn; 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.

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