



**14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 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: *This Is My Father's World* F.L. Sheppard/ arr. M. Hayes & J.B. Taylor

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *Unfailing Love*

Wanda J. Cooley

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. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world. Oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

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: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading from Psalm 34

L: The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

C: The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

L: The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them, and delivers them from all their troubles.

C: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

L: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them from every one.

C: God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

L: Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

C: O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

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 6:56-69

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: You Are the Way

ELW #758

1. You are the way; to you alone from sin and death we flee;
All those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
2. You are the truth; your word alone true wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind and purify the heart.
3. You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
And those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
4. You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

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. One of the ways we do this is through Faith Formation activities for God's children of all ages. 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: *Longing*

Mark Hayes

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: I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love,
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

REFRAIN: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. (refrain)

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. (refrain)

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

Postlude: *I Love to Tell the Story*

W.G. Fischer/ arr. Lloyd Larson

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Jodie Tooley

Reader:

Communion Assistant: Ron Coons **Fellowship:** Barbara Ovitt

Acolyte: Jory Burkstrand



Announcements for Week of August 25:

- **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!

SAVE THE DATE: Rally Sunday is September 8th. We'll begin a three-week Season of Creation series in worship. Word on Wednesday (aka WOW!) for children pre-K to grade 5 will begin September 11th with a simple meal, bible story, and activity.

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