



Week 3 – Season of Creation

September 22, 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: *Pathetique*

L. van Beethoven

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *Bagatelle in C Major*

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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. God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of your love.
Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be,
when your children will be free.

REFRAIN: Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open
wide. May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

2. Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free;
and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.
May they, in your love, find rest. (refrain)
3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame,
so afraid of who they are and who they love.
May the message now be banished that your love is for the few;
may their faith in you renew. (refrain)
4. God, we're working for the future when children far and wide
can... live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand,
as against all hate we stand. (refrain)

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 of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your image. Take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; that we may live in harmony with you and all of your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Genesis 1:26-28

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading of Psalm 8

L: O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! -

C: you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

L: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

C: what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

L: Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

C: You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet: all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

L: the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

C: O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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: Mark 9:33-37

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: 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: 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 congregational efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle material goods and nature’s resources. 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: *Allegretto in C Minor*

L. van Beethoven

Offering Response: Let Justice Flow Like Streams (v. 2 only)

ELW #717

2. Let righteousness roll on as others’ cares we heed,
An ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.

L: We pray together the 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: **C: 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.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: I Come With Joy

ELW #482

1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
4. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
5. Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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: Founded on Faith

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1. Founded on faith, the church – alive by grace –
proclaims the gospel here and ev'ry place.
The word of God resounds through time and space: Al-le-lu-ia!
2. Your cross, O Christ, renews our life each day.
Baptized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Fed by your love, with thankful hearts we say: Al-le-lu-ia!
3. Equipped by prayer, we live the Spirit's call.
Empower'd to serve with gifts both great and small,
we bring the living hope of God to all. Al-le-lu-ia!
4. Growing in grace for God's created earth,
we yearn for justice, peace, and human worth;
a world restored; a faithful, caring church. Al-le-lu-ia!
5. Founded on faith, called forth, empower'd to serve,
we share God's endless love without reserve.
Then let us shout aloud the living Word! Al-le-lu-ia!

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

Postlude: *Six Ecossaises in E flat Major*

L. van Beethoven



Announcements for Week of September 22:

- Word on Wednesday (aka WOW!) for children pre-K through grade 5 will meet Wednesday from 6-7 pm for a simple meal, bible story, and activity.
- Pilgrim's Progress adult book study meets Wed. (9/25) from 7-8:30 pm - Library
- GF Community Band resumes rehearses Thursday (9/19) at 7 pm – Fireside Room

Pastor Tammy will be out of the office Sept. 23-29. If you have a pastoral care emergency during this time, please contact Gaynell Tempel.

Keeping in Prayer... Rebecca; Jean; Pat; Danny; Triston; Fred; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Rachele; Ace; Arvin; Elizabeth & John; Hy & Becky; Beth; Brian; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Don & Donna; Sandy; Noah; Dorothy; Jerry; Toni; Steven; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta, Elaine.

Accompanist: James Rickley **Cantor:** Jodie Tooley **Reader:** Donna Winters
Communion Assistant: Ron Coons **Fellowship:**
Acolyte:

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