



**19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 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: *Serene Melody*

Paul D. Switzler

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *Psalm 8*

Walker Baylor

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: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

ELW #771

1. God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space;
we, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you;
great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.
2. We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow'r,
facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.
3. As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew:
children of creative purpose, serving others, hon'ring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise; each endeavor well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

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: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading from Psalm 19

L: The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C: The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

L: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

C: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter by far than honey, than honey in the comb.

L: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keep them there is great reward.

C: Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

L: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound and innocent of a great offense.

C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

2nd Reading: James 5:13-20

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: Mark 9:38-50

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

ELW #358

1. Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear, through marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
2. We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong,
Half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along,
By pow'rs and systems close confined, yet seeking hope for humankind.
3. Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own,
Not through some merit, right or claim, but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.
4. Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends
To work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
5. Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to life, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,
And offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we confess our faith using the words of the
Apostles' Creed ACS p. 17

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: *Prayer*

Charles Sergisson

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.

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: 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: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW #808

1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
You alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
But courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the fam'ly you saved by your love,
We'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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

Postlude: *Fanfare*

Robert Graham

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Gaynell Tempel

Reader: Julie Haviland

Communion Assistant:

Fellowship: Brian & Carol Landsverk

Acolyte:

THANK YOU... to Jim Carlson for leading our worship this morning! Jim is a Lay Ministry Associate (LMA) of the Montana Synod- ELCA, and has been authorized by Bishop Laurie Jungling to provide pastoral leadership in our congregation today.



Announcements for Week of September 29:

- Abigail Circle meets Monday (9/30) from noon – 2 pm in the Library.
- Word on Wednesday (WOW!) meets from 6-7 pm on Wed. (10/2)
- Pilgrim's Progress adult book study meets at 7 pm on Wed. (10/2) in the Library
- GF Community Band rehearses Thurs. (10/3) at 7 pm in the Fireside Room

Pastor Tammy will be out of the office Oct. 4-12. 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.

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