



9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 21, 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: *Andante* from Organ Sonata No. 7

J. Rheinberger/ arr. Lani Smith

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *Simple Gifts*

Gregg Sewell

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. Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dew-fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading of Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

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 6:30-34, 53-56

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Rev. Steve VanGilder

Sermon

Refrain: Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,

Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. (refrain)
2. In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,  
Give us all your vision, God of love. (refrain)
3. Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. (refrain)
4. You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. (refrain)

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 do this, in part, through our visitation ministries in hospitals and homes, and in support of synod partner ministries like St. John's United in Billings, Immanuel Living in Kalispell, and the Intermountain Children's Home in Helena. 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: *Trusting Thee*

Edward Broughton

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.  
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: One Bread, One Body

ELW #496

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,  
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew... servant or free... woman or man... no more. (refrain)
2. Many the gifts... many the works... one in the Lord... of all. (refrain)
3. Grain for the fields... scattered and grown... gathered to one for all. (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: O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate

ELW #722

1. O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.  
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.  
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme  
To write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.

2. As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
So may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,  
And help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.
3. O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
That, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.  
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
That through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.
4. O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,  
Whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:  
Come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,  
Whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

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

Postlude: *Praises!*

Dennis Eliot

**Accompanist:** James Rickley

**Cantor:** Gaynell Tempel

**Reader:** Melanie Jensen

**Communion Assistant:** Leanna Coulter

**Fellowship:** Glen & Leanna Coulter



## Announcements for Week of July 21:

### THANK YOU...

- to Rev. Steve Van Gilder for leading our worship today!
- to the Congregational Life team for hosting the annual Ice Cream Social!

**HELPING HANDS** is in need of toilet paper. If you are able to help with this need, any brand and any size package will be greatly appreciated.

**Keeping in Prayer...** Crystal Dewell; Cheryl; Carl & Harley; Elaine Rice; Myrna DeBolt & family; Sara; Barbara; Holly; Rick & Karen; Ann; Wayne; Alice; Aaron; Rachelle; Ron; Ace; Tim; Ike & MaryAnn; Arvin; Elizabeth & John; Hy & Becky; Beth; Dawn; Brian; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Rachel; Don & Donna; Rose; Sandy; Noah; Dorothy; Jerry; Toni; Steven; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta.

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