



20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 6, 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: *All Nature Sings!*

Lani Smith

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *Now Thank We All Our God*

Franklin D. Ashdown

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: For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW #879

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
5. For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
For thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

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: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

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:

L: all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

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

L: O Lord our Lord,

C: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

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 10:2-16

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Rob Wilbur, lay ministry student

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Our Father, By Whose Name

ELW #640

1. Our Father, by whose name all parenthood is known,
In love divine you claim each fam'ly as your own.
Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well, with constant love as sentinel
the homes in which your people dwell.
2. O Christ, yourself a child within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled to full adulthood come;
Our children bless in ev'ry place that they may all behold your face and,
knowing you, may grow in grace.
3. O Holy Spirit, bind our hearts in unity
And teach us how to find the love from self set free;
In all our hearts such love increase that ev'ry home, by this release,
may be the dwelling place of peace.

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.**

THANKSGIVING

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. The power of Jesus blesses and works through each and every gift to transform the lives of those who give as well as those who receive. 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: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Conrad Kocher

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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Word

L: O God of justice and love...

C: we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

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.

SENDING

L: Almighty and merciful God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #840

1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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

Postlude: *Now Thank We All Our God*

Lloyd Larson

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Victoria Bull

Reader:

Communion Assistant:

Fellowship:



Announcements for Week of October 6:

- Word on Wednesday (WOW!) meets from 6-7 pm on Wed. (10/9)
- Pilgrim's Progress adult book study meets at 7 pm on Wed. (10/9) in the Library
- GF Community Band rehearses Thurs. (10/10) at 7 pm in the Fireside Room
- Game Night – Friday (10/11) from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Social Hall. Fun for all ages! Bring your own snacks and games you would like to play.

THANK YOU...

- to Rob Wilbur for leading our worship today! Rob is currently a student of the Lay Ministry Associate program (formerly LPA program) of the Montana Synod. This change in designation as Lay Ministry Associates (LMAs) more correctly reflects the broad scope of leadership that lay leaders provide to congregations within our synod and the larger church.

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; Cheryl; Carl & Harley; Ann; Rachelle; Ace; Arvin; Elizabeth & John; Hy & Becky; Beth; Brian; Arnie, Peggy & Larry; Don & Donna; Sandy; Noah; Dorothy; Toni; Steven; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; MaryAnn; Elaine.

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