



Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 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: *Praise God/American folk tune*

Gilbert M. Martin

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *March from "Scipio"*

G.F. Handel/arr. George Black

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. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise;
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success,
And let thy righteousness on us descend.
3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart,
Never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.
4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal raises be hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

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: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 93

L: The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

C: The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

L: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

C: The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

L: Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

C: Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

2nd Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

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 18:33-37

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Sermon

Pastor Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: Jesus Shall Reign

ELW #434

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Reception of New Members

Today we welcome Shawna and Triston Burkstrand, and Mark Fought

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. One way we do this is by intentionally consecrating (or setting apart for holy use) a portion of the many blessings we receive from God to support the congregation's ministry. We appreciate all 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!)

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: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

ELW #490

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending comes full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way;
As the Light of light, descending from the realms of endless day,
Comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish, as the darkness clears away.
4. At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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: Crown Him With Many Crowns

ELW #855

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

2. Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.
3. Crown him the Lord of love – behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.
4. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
5. Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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

Postlude: *Webb 1837*

George James Webb/arr. Paul Karvonen

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Announcements for Week of November 24:

- **TODAY** – Great Falls Community Band Concert at 2 pm
- Monday – Abigail Circle Women’s Study 12-2 in the Library
- No WOW or Confirmation classes today.
- **THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY** – Church office closed
- **SUNDAY, Dec. 1** – Special Meeting of the Congregation following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to authorize proposed upgrades to flooring on the main level of the church building and replace the pews in the sanctuary with pew chairs. To vote at this meeting, you must be a current member of New Hope Lutheran Church on record as having attended and financially supported the ministry during the past year.



SAVE THE DATE:

- **Sunday, December 1** – Community World AIDS Day worship with re-dedication of the AIDS rock at 2 pm at Central Christian Church (DOC); sponsored by the GF Progressive Ministerial Assn. (1025 Central Ave.)
- **ALL COMERS’ Christmas Story** – December 15 during worship. Come dressed as your favorite character, or borrow a costume from us as we tell the story of Jesus’ birth.

Keeping in Prayer... Glen; Jim; Sue; Mark & Sherry; Dee; Lois & Frank; Rebecca; Danny; Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Rachelle; Ace; Arvin; Elizabeth & John; Hy & Becky; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Don & Donna; Sandy; Noah; Dorothy; Toni; Steven; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.

THANK YOU... to Glen Coulter and Ron Carpenter for installing the new hallway lighting!

Accompanist: James Rickley **Cantor:** Jodie Tooley **Reader:** Dona Shehan
Fellowship: Dona Shehan **Communion Asst.:** Dona Shehan