

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome - Thank you for sharing worship

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To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

The Rite of Confession & Forgiveness. *It first appeared in the Middle Ages. Confession was introduced as part of the Priest's personal preparation for worship. With the Reformation the confession was opened to the entire congregation.*

All may make the sign of the cross ✠, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

ELW 522 (Red) As We Gather At Your Table

- 1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.
- 2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.
- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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Prayer Of The Day— *this prayer collects us together in prayer before the triune God and turns us toward the scripture themes of the day.*

Let us pray- O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Come Holy Spirit and speaks to us through the scripture readings,

Assigned but not read: Colossians 1:1-14 The gospel is growing, bearing fruit in the whole world

The First Reading is from the 30th Chapter of Deuteronomy

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10 (Read Responsively)

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)

¹ To you, O Lord,

I lift up my soul.

² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord,

and teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

- ⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- ⁸ You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰ All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

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The Gospel Reading is from the 10th Chapter of Luke

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Oh Christ.

Message:

Vicar Thania Drake

ACS 1043(Blue) Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

- 1 God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. *Refrain*
- 2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. *Refrain*
- 3 May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of friend and neighbor.
As I live from day to day,
love will be my finest labor. *Refrain*

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The Prayers

Joining Christians around the globe we pray together.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, vicars and lay leaders, lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for farmers in our valley and throughout the world as they labor through hot summer days. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Lord, there are so many who need your touch today. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, we pray for those in treatment or recovering from surgeries, especially our council president, Vicki.

Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm and put people who offer aid on their paths. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Peace - *Matthew 5:23-24 If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Also Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, "greet one another," a symbol of peace and of love.*

The God of love and peace be with you always.
And also with you.

Our Offerings to God *in gratitude to God we return a part of what he has given us as an offering realizing that all we have is God's. The offering that is gathered is for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need locally and worldwide.*

Enjoy the special music as the gifts are gathered.

After the gifts are gathered, please stand as you are able and join in singing.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Orange 9

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains

Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine

But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Let us Pray, Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

The Meal

Communion ~ Simply being here makes you a part of the New Hope Family. We invite and welcome everyone to share this sacred time of fellowship, forgiveness and renewal. More importantly, it is Jesus himself who welcomes and urges you to come forward.

In this “meal” of Communion we believe that Christ is truly present and comes to us, in, with and under the bread and wine. Christ’s real presence is one of the great mysteries of faith. This gift of Christ’s very self in the bread and wine proclaims God’s saving Word, feeds and nourishes our faith, forgives our sins, and sends us into the world to continue to be Christ’s real presence in the world today.

Christ is here among us.

Christ is truly with us

P It is indeed right, our privilege and our joy, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us join together praying as Jesus taught us:

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

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into
temptation, But deliver us from

and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

Invitation To Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
All are invited to come to the banquet.

Communion Distribution

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say; The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. Each person may respond, Amen. The wine is red, if you prefer grape juice is light color. Place your empty cups in the baskets on the side.

ELW 708 (Red) Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*
- 3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

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Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray, Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Announcements

-  **"Get Together"** Lunch on Tuesday, July 15 at noon See Kathy Brosch if you need a ride.
-  **Are** there any other announcements
-  **For other** announcements, please see your bulletin

ACS 1097 (Blue) Ten Thousand Reasons

Refrain

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

- 1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes *Refrain*
- 2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *Refrain*
- 3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore *Refrain*

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Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

We Are Sent Into The World To Share What Has Been Given To Us

Please stand as you are able

Please join in singing the **Sending Song**

***Brothers, sisters, all are we part of God's great family.
As we go from this place, may God keep us in His grace.
May God keep us in His grace.***

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE TODAY.

We are so glad you worshipped here today and invite you again. If you are looking for a faith family we invite you to consider New Hope

The Mission of New Hope is to discover, experience, and share God's love with our hearts, hands and voices.

New Hope's Vision: As followers of Christ we will:

- encourage a spiritual journey
- celebrate the diversity and gifts that each person brings
- learn from each other
- engage with the world around us

Commemorations

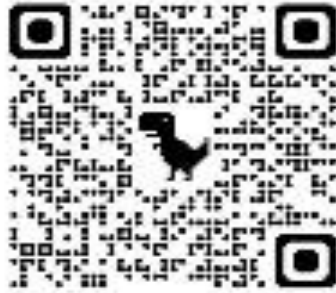
Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566, Thursday, July 17, 2025

A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

July 20– Pastor Mike Hamilton

Readings for July 20: Genesis 18:1-10a *The hospitality of Abraham and Sarah to three visitors of the Lord,* Psalm 15 *Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1), Colossians 1:15-28* *Hymn to Christ, the firstborn of all creation,* **Luke 10:38-42** *Jesus says: Martha, your sister Mary has chosen the better part*

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Who Are You?

Who do you identify with in the parable? This is part of what makes parables so powerful. Some days we read the story through the eyes of the priest or the Levite. Some days we feel like the Samaritan. And then there are those days when we are the man in the ditch. Some days you are the windshield and some days you are the bug, as the saying goes. It is easy to miss the shocking nature of this parable if we start to think that this story only teaches us to imitate the Samaritan. The parable says so much more about God, our relationship to God, and the lengths to which God will go to reach out to us. Through the image of the Samaritan, Jesus lifts up a surprising rescuer as an image of the God who relentlessly cares for those in need. Could it be that we are meant to identify not with the Samaritan or even the lawyer to whom Jesus speaks the parable, but rather with the man who is hopeless and left for dead? Could it be that Christ is the good Samaritan who embraces us with the tender compassion of God? All of the sudden the parable is turned on its head. Jesus is not just giving us a comfortable morality tale reminding us to be nice, helpful, generous people. Instead Jesus is proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. God's grace comes to us through the cross. God's grace comes to us even—and especially—when we are at our worst, when we struggle in the depths and cry out for help. Even when we cannot or will not cry out, mercy and grace come into our lives through Jesus. So whether you are on the road or in the ditch, Jesus even now is coming for you.



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