



# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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## Leading Worship

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Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

**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 742 (Red) What A Friend We Have In Jesus**

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

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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. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us

those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Assigned but not read: Psalm 138* Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (Ps. 138:8)

### **The First Reading is from the 18th Chapter of Genesis**

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

<sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Second Reading is from the 2nd Chapter of Colossians**

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole

fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading is from the 11th Chapter of Luke**

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup> So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Oh Christ.**

**Message:**

**Pastor Rick Green**

## ACS1005 (Blue) Ask The Complicated Questions

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| 1 Ask the complicated questions.<br>Do not fear to be found out;<br>for our God makes strong our weakness,<br>forging faith in fires of doubt. | 3 Knock on doors of new ideas,<br>test assumptions long grown stale,<br>for Christ calls from shores of wonder,<br>daring us to try and fail. |
| 2 Seek the disconcerting answers,<br>follow where the Spirit blows;<br>test competing truths for wisdom,<br>for in tension new life grows.     | 4 For in struggle we discover<br>truth both simple and profound;<br>in the knocking, asking, seeking,<br>we are opened, answered, found.      |

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**Creed** The creeds were originally teaching tools used in preparing people for baptism. They were learned by heart and used in the celebration of baptism itself.

Please join with me and Christians across the ages in affirming our faith by reciting the ancient words of the Apostle's Creed:

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**We 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.**

**We 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.**

## The Prayers

Lord, teach us at New Hope how to pray. Raise up leaders to model Christ's way of prayer so that all can experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of Grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Reveal to all of us the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace, **hear your prayer.**

Teach rulers of the earth to care for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

To all whose prayers are cries for help satisfy their deepest needs. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray that the ministries of New Hope be rooted in prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community and strengthen community partnerships. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have gone before us, especially Lori. Be with the Garcia family as they mourn her loss. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your 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.*

## **Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God**

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- 1 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu Alleluia
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu Alleluia
- 3 We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu Alleluia

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

**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**  
**evil. For thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power, and the glory,**  
**forever and ever. 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.*

## Majestic (Orange 42)

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name

In all the earth

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name

In all the earth

The heavens declare Your greatness

The oceans cry out to You

The mountains they bow down before You

So I'll join with the earth

And I'll give my praise to You

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name

In all the earth

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name

In all the earth

The heavens declare Your greatness

The oceans cry out to You

The mountains they bow down before You

So I'll join with the earth and I'll sing

The heavens declare Your greatness

The oceans cry out to You

The mountains they bow down before You

So I'll join with the earth

And I'll give my praise to You

I will worship You, I will worship You

We will worship You, we will worship You

The heavens declare Your greatness

The oceans cry out to You

The mountains they bow down before You

So I'll join with the earth

And I'll give my praise to You

So I'll join with the earth

And I'll give my praise to You

So I'll join with the earth








And I'll give my praise to You

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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**

-  **Thanks** to Pastor Green for being with us today
-  **Sign up Sheets in the back –**
-  **Ladie's Night Out** – Thursday, August 7 at 5:30 at AJ's Diner with Peace El Paso
-  **"Get Together" Lunch** - Tuesday, August 19 at noon at Casita Linda Restaurant
-  **Provide** meals for the Meal Train
-  **Any** other announcements?
-  **For** other announcements, please see your bulletin

### **ELW 543 (Red) Go, My Children, With My Blessing**

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

## **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

**Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians, Monday, July 28, 2025**

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, *Messiah*, is a setting of scriptural texts.

**Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany, Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

**Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030, Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

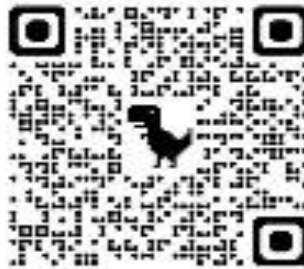
Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

## August 3 – Pastor Ron Brooker

**Readings for August 3: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23** *Search out wisdom, for all is vanity,*

**Psalm 49:1-12** *My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3), Colossians 3:1-11* *Clothed in Christ, your life is hidden with him in God, Luke 12:13-21* *Jesus says: Be on guard against greed; be rich toward God, your treasures*

## New Hope AR Code



## **Our Persistent, Negotiating Prayer Life**

Today's readings incorporate several themes: negotiation, commands, persistence, and expectation. And surrounding all these themes is a bigger theme: boldness. Abraham is bold in speaking with God, so bold in fact that he not only negotiates with the Almighty, the Almighty willingly grants his request. Abraham had no fear in speaking in such a way to God, because he knew that God was listening and appreciating his concern. The disciples, too, speak with boldness. They don't ask Jesus to teach them how to pray, they *tell* him to teach them how to pray. Their imperative sets up a pattern of imperatives as Jesus teaches them the prayer that has been prayed unceasingly in the church catholic. These themes continue in boldness as persistence is encouraged, even to the extent of being able to ask, search, and knock, knowing that the Lord says we will receive what we ask for. And God wants to give to those who ask God. We are to ask in boldness, which comes from being "rooted and built up in [Christ]" (Col. 2:7). Strengthened by the Lord's supper, we are filled with God's Spirit to speak boldly and to be persistent in our prayers, and to be ready to receive the things for which we ask. The question becomes, then, what is it we want and need?



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