



*We are so grateful you have joined us today as we come together to worship God.
Although we aren't together physically, we are still the church together.*
Our worship has been pre-recorded and can be viewed on our website at <http://newhopeagoura.com/>
or you can view it on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NewHopeLutheran/>

Introduction to Worship

God’s word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord’s table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

Prelude

Opening Song ELW Hymnal #533
“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” vs. 1, 3 & 4

Welcome and Prayer of the Day

Children’s Message Pastor Scott Fielder

Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

Gospel Acclamation
“Alleluia”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9;18-23

In Matthew’s gospel, both Jesus and his disciples “sow the seed” of God’s word by proclaiming the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is near.” Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

Sermon Pastor Craig Beeker
"Extravagantly Generous"

Hymn of the Day ELW Hymnal #512
“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

Prayers for all people

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Song ELW Hymnal #670
“Build Us Up, Lord”

Postlude

Participants in Today’s Worship

- Rev. Craig R. Beeker

Deacon Lynn Bulock

Rev. Scott Fielder
- Aleta Braxton, Choir Director

David Cohen, Pianist
- Audio/Visual Team

Chris Chigaridas

Brian Gibbon

Terry Paulson
- Vocalists

Aleta Braxton

Deacon Lynn Bulock

Kevin Dalbey

Terry Paulson