



Extravagant

generosity of God...
mercy from God...
and our extravagant response!

The Teaching of Jesus

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

In today's gospel Jesus offers images from everyday life that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

Prelude

Opening Song

"Seek Ye First"

Welcome and Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Pastor Scott Fielder

Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Aleta Braxton

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

Reading: Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

Sermon

Pastor Craig Beeker

"Extravagant Response"

Hymn of the Day

ELW Hymnal #506

"The Work of God is Source and Seed"

Prayers for all people

Lord's Prayer

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Song

"Set Forth by God's Blessing"

ELW Hymnal #547

Postlude

Participants in Today's Worship

Rev. Craig R. Beeker
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Rev. Scott Fielder

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