

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

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Nokomis Heights is a Reconciling In Christ (RIC) Congregation. We believe the gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally, without regard to cultural or ethnic background; race; sexual orientation; gender identity; physical or mental abilities; socio-economic, marital, or family status; gender; or age. We welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, their partners and their families into full participation in the life and ministry of this congregation.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Marla Rotman
Children's Minister Cindy Nelson
Organist Julie Urban

Vocalists Kim Bretheim, Johan Christopherson, Carolyn Deters, Cindy Nelson Actors Johan Christopherson, Carolyn Deters, Dana Lonn, Cindy Nelson,

Pastor Marla Rotman

In our prayers this week: Barbara Anderson, Casey Austad, Nancy Larsen, Jeannine Susag; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, CES (Community Emergency Service), and Wapo Bible Camp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Minnesota FoodShare Month Will Go through April

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign food and fund drive has been extended through April 30. Please participate by mailing a check to the church office (make it out to Nokomis Heights and put Food Shelf in the memo line), or contact Dana Lonn at simply@nokomisheights.org, to set up an online transfer of funds.

CES Needs Volunteers

Community Emergency Service needs volunteers to help pack groceries. They are seeking to fill two-hour shifts in early April. The specific time slots and days will be set depending on the number of volunteers available. Contact Mark Lofthus at mark.w.lofthus@gmail.com or 651-829-0052 for more information.

Bible Study on Zoom

Join Pastor Marla online Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. for "Dwelling in the Word." Email <u>pastor@nokomisheights.org</u> for a link to join the meeting.

Church Activities

Please watch your email and our website events page (<u>www.nokomisheights.org</u>) for announcements about online ways to participate in congregational activities.

Financial Support Sought for Our Saviour's Shelter

Funds are needed to buy necessary meals and supplies for residents at Our Saviour's Shelter. Consider mailing in a contribution today or contact Dana Lonn at simply@nokomisheights.org, to set up an online transfer of funds.

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

APRIL 5, 2020 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Manz

WELCOME

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

L: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

- L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C: Hosanna in the highest!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: We pray together:

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path. Grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

WORD

FOLLOWING THE PATH OF JESUS— EVENTS FROM THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

MUSICAL INTERLUDE	"All Glory, Laud and Honor"	Albrecht
SCENE 1: THE JERUSALEM ROA	D	Matthew 21:1-11
Musical Interlude	"Ah, Holy Jesus"	Baker
SCENE 2: THE TEMPLE		Matthew 21:12-13
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	"Upon Thy Table, Lord"	Wood
SCENE 3: THE UPPER ROOM		Matthew 26:17-30
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	"There in God's Garden"	Scott
Scene 4: The Garden of Gethsemane		Matthew 26:31-56
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	"Were You There"	Wood
SCENE 5: GOLGOTHA		Matthew 27:33-60
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	"My Song Is Love Unknown"	Wold

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

C: Response (sing after each petition)

ELW 814



Introduction

L: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

God of life, bind your faithful people into one body, even as we are apart. Enliven the church with your Spirit and bless the work of those who work for its renewal. Accomplish your work of salvation in us and through us, for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy we pray...

Response

L: God of life, revitalize all who watch and wait on you with eager expectation. Reveal yourself in and through your people and creation so that we might be inspired by your presence. Infiltrate the hearts of our leaders to generate acts of healing and renewal across our country. And lead us all as we seek to do our small part of your redemption plan for the world. Lord in your mercy we pray...

Response

L: God of life, you weep with those who grieve. Unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, despair, or pain. Fill us with compassion and empathy for those who struggle, and keep us faithful in prayer. Lord in your mercy we pray...

Response

Conclusion

- L: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW 188

SENDING

BLESSING

L: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C: Amen

POSTLUDE "Love Unkown" Osterland

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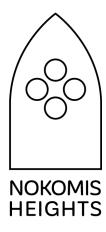
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