

## **Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**

a community of the cross

called to confess hope in action

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020**

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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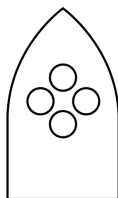
Pastor	Marla Rotman
Children's Message	Cindy Nelson
Organist	Julie Urban
Instrumentalist	Chris Hurney, recorder
Lector	Greg Winter
Vocalists	Renae Saville-Winter, Greg Winter, and Sarah Winter

**In our prayers this week:** Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Rich Gronner; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, CES (Community Emergency Service), and Wapo Bible Camp

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**NOKOMIS  
HEIGHTS**

Place of Worship, Space for Questions.

# NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14, 2020

10:00 A.M.

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Pièce”

Debussy

WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Gracious God, we thank you for making one human family of all the peoples of the earth and for creating all the wonderful diversity of cultures.

**C: Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.**

L: For the racism that denies dignity to those who are different, Lord, forgive us:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the racism that recognizes prejudice in others and never in ourselves, Christ, forgive us:

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

L: For the racism that will not recognize the work of your Spirit in other cultures, Lord, forgive us:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Forgive those of us who have been silent and apathetic in the face of racial intolerance and bigotry, both overt and subtle, public and private.

**C: And take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts.**

L: Break down the walls that separate us.

**C: And help us to find the unity that is the fruit of righteousness that will enable us to become your beloved community.**

L: Empower us to speak boldly for justice and truth and help us to deal with one another without hatred or bitterness, working together with mutual forbearance and respect.

**C: And work through our struggles and confusion to accomplish your purposes.**

L: O God of unconditional love,  
you who show no partiality in respect to people or nations,  
we have heard your good news of great joy for all the people.  
We hear that good news, and in hearing, believe.  
We know that your sanctuary is a house of worship for all people,  
with no regard for the color of our skin.  
As we worship you, knit us into a people, a seamless garment of many colors.  
May we celebrate our unity, made whole in our diversity.  
Forgive us for our inability to let our “old selves” die to the world.  
We acknowledge that we participate in structures that are inherently racist,  
and yet we do nothing to remedy it.  
Show us when we fail, when we judge others according to the color of their flesh.

**C: Amen**

**HYMN 793** (st. 1-3)  
*See music on next page*

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

**GREETING**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: We pray together:  
We pray to you, almighty God, in this time of conflict. You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Do not let us fail in the face of these events. Uphold us with your love, and give us the strength we need. Help us in our confusion, and guide our action. Heal the hurt, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are still in peril; for the sake of your great mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

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## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



nought be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## WORD

### THE READING

Romans 5:1-8

L: *Introduction: We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

L: The Gospel according to Matthew, the ninth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL****Matthew 9:35—10:8**

L: *Introduction: The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

**GOSPEL RESPONSE**

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****SERMON****HYMN 587**

*See music on next page*

**"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

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## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



- 1 There's a wide-ness
- 2 There is wel-come
- 3 For the love of
- 4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
 for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
 God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
 owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than  
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -  
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows  
 in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands  
 ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row  
 through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place  
 of new worlds as great as this; there is room for  
 by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -  
 let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
 fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
 fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
 be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### *Introduction*

L: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

### *A brief silence*

L: Holy One, you bring us together and call us your own. Bless theologians, teachers, and preachers who help us grow in faith, especially during such tumultuous times. Guide your church, that we might be a holy people. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Holy One, we have created divisions you will not own. In places of conflict especially around our city and country, raise up leaders who work to develop lasting peace and reconciliation. Encourage organizations and individuals to care for all people, regardless of the color of their skin. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Holy One, you care for those who are harassed and helpless. Protect and defend those who are abused. Heal those who are sick. Feed all who hunger. Empower all whose voices go unheard, and help us respond to the pressing needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

### *Conclusion*

L: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus 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**

“Land of Rest”

Krentz Organ

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE 686 (st. 1)**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Merciful God,  
you open wide your hand  
and satisfy the need of every living thing.  
Open our hands to receive you.  
Open our hearts to embrace you.  
Open our lives to live in you.  
We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

L: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the Creator, Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C: Amen**

**HYMN 798** (st. 1-4)

*See music on next page*

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

### SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Moment of silence*

**POSTLUDE**

“The Summons”

Krentz Organ

# Will You Come and Follow Me

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*The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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