

Joy-FULL

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

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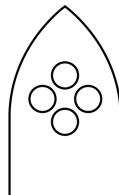
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Lector	Jan Myers
Children's Message	Annika Coyle, Mackinley, Presley, and Kennedy Korchik

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

**Join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship
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HEIGHTS**

Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 2020

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“A Celebration of Grace”

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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: God of all wonders, you have set us humans under the swirling stars and among the wild winds, hoping that—in your love—we will grow deep, sustaining roots.

C: Though we are lost among our schedules and phones and emails and lists and we forget our roots.

L: For the sake of living hopefully, remind us that your love has no end.

C: We forget to be kind.

L: For the sake of living joyfully, remind us to care for one another.

C: We forget to be honest.

L: For the sake of living peacefully, remind us that we are fragile.

C: We forget to protect.

L: For the sake of living faithfully, remind us that your creation is holy.

C: We forget about breathing.

L: For the sake of living powerfully, remind us of your peace.

C: Forgive us, loving God.

L: God of wonders, be with us. We rejoice in your forgiveness. Your love is all we need.

C: Amen

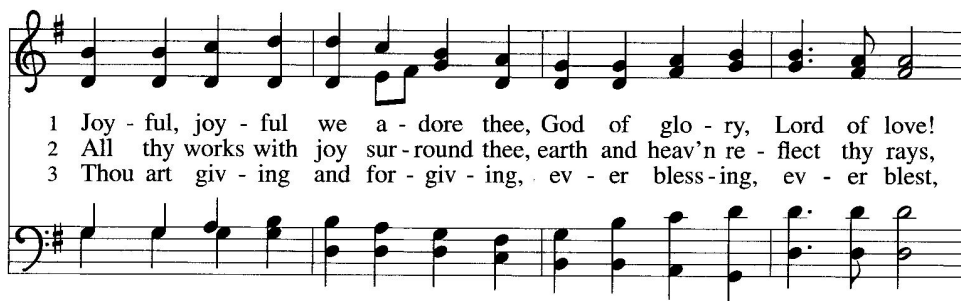
OPENING HYMN 836

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

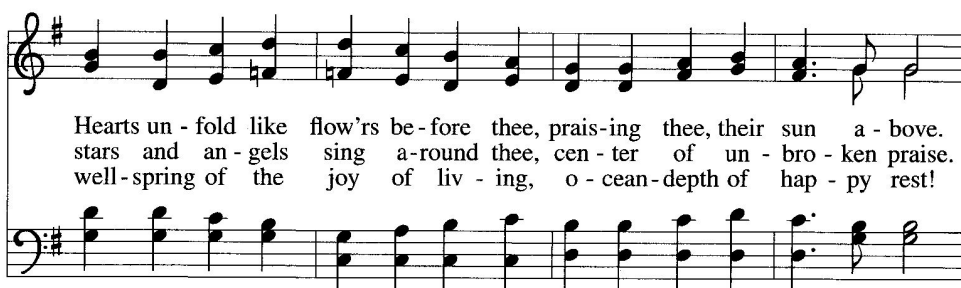
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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

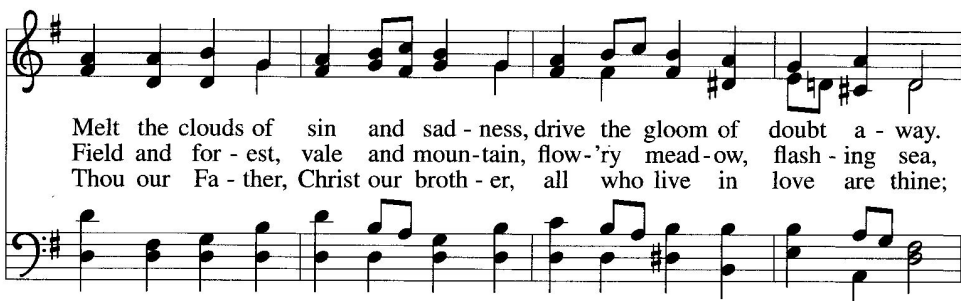
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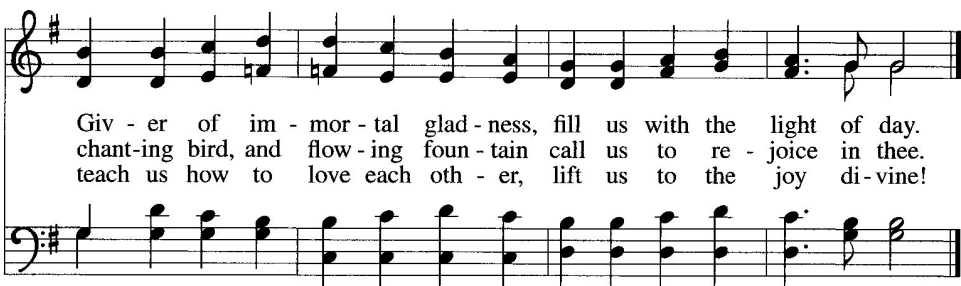
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Harts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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:

**C: God of all hopefulness, fill our days with deep, transforming joy.
On bright days, be with us while we celebrate life and light and love.
And on those darker days, be with us still, O God,
while we gather our broken and tired pieces.
Whenever you are with us, God, we know that joy remains.
You are good to us God, and we rejoice in you. Amen**

WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

L: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 15:13

L: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 765 (st. 1)

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

L: The Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

L: In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

GOSPEL RESPONSE

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Joy-FULL”

Light Dawns on a Weary World

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

L: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

L: God of hope, the joy of your creation is bursting with life in these summer months. Help us to marvel in the beauty and wonder of it all, and to leap for joy in its presence. Treasuring the earth, may we live as grateful and healing caretakers of our home.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of hope, as the birds of the air nest in branches of trees, gather the nations of the world into the welcoming shade of your merciful reign. Direct leaders of nations to build trust with each other and walk in the way of peace. We pray especially today for Dr. Fauci, Dr. Osterholm, and all who lead our nation in this time of COVID. May we be open to their wisdom and receptive to their guidance.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of Hope, we are grateful for all of the organizations who exist to make this world a better and brighter place. Today we pray for the continued ministry of Camp Wapo. Thank you for all of the youth and young adults whose lives have been touched through Wapo's ministry over many years. As they face this challenging summer when campers are not able to gather, gift them with creativity to share your love that has no boundaries or borders.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of hope, Your Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for the saints according to your will. Help us when we do not know how to pray. Give comfort to the dying, refuge to the weary, justice to those who are oppressed, and healing to the sick. We pray especially today for Casey Austad, Linda Austad, and Rich Gronner. And we pray for Marian Blattner as she grieves the death of a dear friend. We also pray for our loved ones whom we name in the silence of our hearts at this time.

Pause for a moment of silence

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Conclusion

L: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; 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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Hobby

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of all hopefulness, every day you choose to abide with us and we are grateful. Give us fresh and hopeful hearts, ready to respond to the world in need. Give us courage to share all that we are and all that we have, offering our best gifts to you. In your living name we pray,
C: Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

L: For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN 631 (st. 1-2)
See music on next page.

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us, all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

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thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

"Tocatta in Seven"

Rutter

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