



## **Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**

a community of the cross

called to confess hope in action

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**SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020**

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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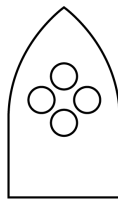
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| Pastor             | Marla Rotman                       |
| Children's Message | The Brown Family                   |
| Organist           | Julie Urban                        |
| Instrumentalist    | Laurie Stegner                     |
| Vocalists          | Johan Christopherson, Sarah Winter |
| Lector             | Lee Mosher                         |

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

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

Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

# NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2020

10:00 A.M.

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Shaker Hymn”

Cherwien

WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C: Amen**

L: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;**

**through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.**

**Amen**

L: Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God’s love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**


# Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show




us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,  
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

*Refrain*



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
 all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 this is the way we will live with you.

**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: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## WORD

### THE READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

L: *Introduction: God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

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.**

### 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 thirteenth chapter.

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

### GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

L: *Introduction: 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.*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

#### **GOSPEL RESPONSE**

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN 581**

*See music on next page*

**"You Are Mine"**



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Do not be a - afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and 4*

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## 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: Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We know you sow with abundance, allowing that everyone, no matter where they live, the color of their skin, the weight of their pocketbooks, or the ability of their bodies are invited into relationship with you. We pray that we would be your distributors, that we would sow far and wide to people of every shape and size, without judgment. Let us reflect the generosity of your heart.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for your justice and equity. We also pray for our opponents, those with whom we disagree. Bridge the chasms that divide us that we may be unified in you. And guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace, rooted in your good soil.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Abiding God, care for all who are in need. We think especially of Linda and Casey Austad, and Rich Gronner. For those who are doubting, renew their faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease their burdens. For those in fear, give hope.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace in us what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries and deepen our relationships with the wider community. And lead us in this next season to a hundred-fold harvest, in your name.

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**



**SHARING THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

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: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours,  
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Water and word, wine and bread:  
these are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts,  
that we might proclaim your steadfast love  
in our communities and in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C: **Amen**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

L: Friends of Jesus, come to the table.

Receive nourishment for your journey.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**"Give Me Jesus"**

**Cherwien**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**L:** God of the welcome table,  
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness  
and have been united by your presence among us.  
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts  
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,  
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

**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 723**

*See music on next page*

**"Canticle of the Turning"**

## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

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My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## SENDING

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*Moment of silence*

## POSTLUDE

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Turner

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