

# HopeFULL

## **Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**

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**SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020**

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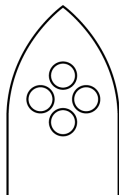
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Children's Message	Kristen Capel

**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

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# NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2020

10:00 A.M.

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Morning”

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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 851** (st. 1-3, 5)

**“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”**

*See music on next page.*

# When in Our Music God Is Glorified

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1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most  
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as  
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship  
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness  
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us  
joyce who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
moved us to a more pro - found  
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing, for whom he won the fight:  
give us faith to sing al - ways:

## 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 hearts with songs.**

**In the face of injustice, make us brave enough to sing.**

**In the face of darkness, help us sing.**

**In the arms of our neighbors, let us sing even louder.**

**We are grateful for the kind of hope that Jesus freely gives us—  
hope that breaks barriers and grows freedom.**

**You are good to us God, and we rejoice in you. Amen**

## WORD

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:28-31

L: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THE SECOND READING

Galatians 5:22-23

L: By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

*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 Acts, the sixteenth chapter.

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

## **GOSPEL**

**Acts 16:16-34**

L: One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

## **GOSPEL RESPONSE**

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

"HopeFULL"

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Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

*Continued on next page.*

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.



## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### *Introduction*

L: With hearts filled with hope and open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

### *A brief silence*

L: God of Hope, we pray for your Spirit to move in this beautiful community of Nokomis Heights as we celebrate new beginnings. Lead us where you would have us go, show us how to sing hope into a hurting world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of Hope, even as we look forward to a new day, we are aware of the suffering around us. Songs of lament fill our lives at news of increasing cases of COVID in our state and our country. We pray, O God, for doctors and nurses, for scientists and first responders, and for all who tirelessly work to find a cure for this virus. While we await this cure, bring peace and comfort to those who suffer and help us to care tenderly for one another during this challenging time.

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. Today we pray especially for the city of Minneapolis as we continue to envision a new day when our Black and brown brothers and sisters can live in true freedom. And, we pray for those in our church family who are in need of healing, especially Casey Austad, Linda Austad and Rich Gronner, and those we name in the silence of our hearts at this time.

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**

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Althouse, arr.

**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: 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.

**C: Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN 858** (st. 1-2)

*See music on next page.*

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## SENDING

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*Moment of silence*

## POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord”

Walther

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