

Peace-FULL

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

a community of the cross called to confess hope in action

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister Pastor Kristen Capel
Assisting Minister Pastor Steve Delzer

Pianist Julie Urban

Instrumentalist Kim Bretheim, cello; Pastor Kristen Capel, piano Vocalists Kim Bretheim, Johan Christopherson, Carolyn Deters,

Cindy Nelson, Lexie Townsend

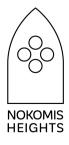
Lector Dave Engelsgaard

Children's Message Sara Funk

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 Find us online on Facebook and YouTube

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Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2020 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Spiegel im Spiegel" Pärt

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 528

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

See music on next page.

Come and Fill Our Hearts

528

Confitemini Domino



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 the world with peace.

From the midst of many storms,

we have heard your voice bringing peace.

You put a new song in our mouths.

Now, make us instruments of your peace, O God.

You have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Amen.

Word

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 9:6-7

L: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

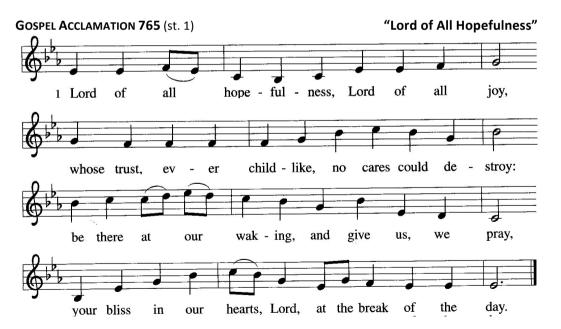
C: Thanks be to God.

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.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

- L: The Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41

L: On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

GOSPEL RESPONSE

- L: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sermon "Peace-FULL"

SPECIAL MUSIC "It Is Well" DiMarco

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 Peace, help us to keep still in this summer of separation so your peace can settle upon us. The outdoors calls and we know the warmth of these days is only a moment in a year of Minnesota seasons. We are missing our festivals, our outdoor music, our State Fair, and our gatherings with family and friends that normally occur. Bring to us your peace and stir it inside us. Encourage us to enjoy this summer as a child, to lie in the grass and contemplate the clouds, to search for fireflies and be charmed by the small beacon of light they share with the world, to have a picnic of simple food and enjoy the abundance. Remind us to walk through our neighborhoods and by the lakes and say hello to those we meet along the way, recognizing the power of community.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

L: God of Peace, in this year of chaos, we search for the leadership that will settle our waters, deep with rife. Direct the leaders of our country and our world to "make every effort to live in peace and to be holy," as the epistle to the Hebrews asks. As peaceful protests happen across our country and throughout the world, allow the leaders to be filled with humility and listen to their people as you listen to us in prayer. Let their voices and the ideals of our nation lead decisions, not the politics of the moment. Lord, direct us to the good trouble as John Lewis urged, that we may change our world with peaceful demonstrations of humanity and acts of compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of Peace, we are grateful for all the organizations that exist to make this world better and bring acts of peace to the world. Today we pray for the continued ministry of Camp Wapo. Though they are unable to gather this year, bring your peace to them, the peace that Paul shared with the Thessalonians: "May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way." Guide them to carry on their learnings from Camp Wapo from summers before and in this challenging summer, may they share the peace of the Lord in all ways possible. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of Peace, please help us to remember that your peace is not as the world gives, and let us lean back into that peace that blankets our worried hearts and battered souls. Remind us to be still and listen for your messages that may come on the wind, through the eyes of a child or the face of a stranger wearing a mask to protect us. Draw us close in our stillness to you in prayer. Give comfort to the dying and those that love them, sanctuary to the weary, hopeful spirits that change is on the near horizon to those who are oppressed, and healing to those with broken bodies, broken hearts, and broken spirits. We pray for those whose work has been shuttered, permanently or temporarily, during this pandemic, so that they may find the peace of necessary resources to carry them through these unpredictable times. We pray especially today for the family and friends of Rose Johnson, upon her death, and for Casey Austad, Linda Austad, and Rich Gronner. 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

SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING "Be Still" Psalm 46:10

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

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

COMMUNION MEDITATION "Shalom" Krentz Organ

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

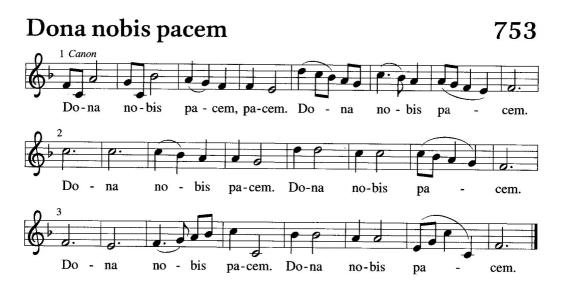
SENDING

BLESSING

- L: 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 753

"Dona Nobis Pacem"



SENDING

- L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

"This is My Song (A Song of Peace)"

Krentz Organ

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