

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer

Organist Julie Urban

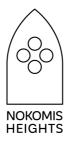
Vocalist Johan Christopherson, Carolyn Deters, Tim Wicker, Kristin Young

Lector Christine Hurney
Children's Message Pastor Kristen Capel

In our prayers this week: Barbara Anderson, Casey Austad, Linda Austad, and Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, and Andrea Nasstrom; 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

OCTOBER 4, 2020 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Selections from "Partita on 'At the Lamb's High Feast'" Ferguson

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

- L: God of all ages,
- C: You have chosen us as your own, yet we so often live as if it were not so.

 We succumb to things that are not good for us.

 We believe we know better than you.

 We refuse to put our trust in your promises.

 Sweep away our foolishness and bring us back into a trusting relationship with the one who has lovingly created us and longs to be our strength and life.
- L: Dear people, hear the joyful words that God has forgiven us!
 Our misdeeds and folly are forgotten; grace and mercy abound.
 Let us give thanks that we have a compassionate Creator!
- C: Amen

OPENING HYMN 523

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

See music on next page

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.

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

GATHERING

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: We pray together:

C: God of might,

just as you protected and guided your chosen people out of danger into new life, so lead us into the places where we can live and grow as your faithful people, for the sake of Jesus. Amen

WORD

VIDEO PRESENTATION "Exodus 1-18" BibleProject

THE READING Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

L: The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

The Lord said to Moses: Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine. Moses said to the people, "Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt,

out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the Lord. Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. You shall tell your child on that day, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.'"

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

- L: The Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-second chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 22:14-20

L: When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

GOSPEL RESPONSE

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

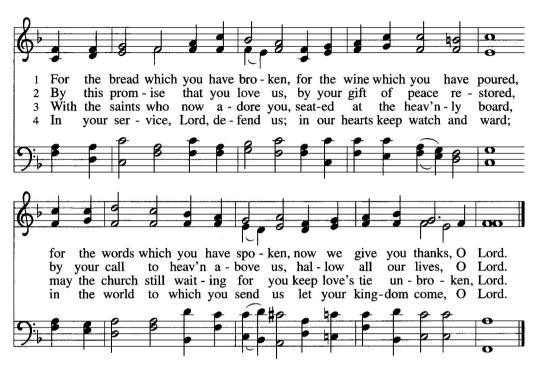
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 494

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

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For the Bread Which You Have Broken 494



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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

L: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

L: Gracious God, you gather us all around your table of mercy and celebrate with us as we feast on your love. May we respond in gratitude and truly live as redeemed and beloved children.

Almighty God,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For innocent victims and those caught in the crossfire of conflict, we pray your comfort, healing and protection, O Lord. Help all who deal with traumatic memories and difficult histories to find renewal and a way forward.

Almighty God,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of wisdom, our nation was built on pillars of justice for all, with systems designed to protect our democracy. Yet, daily, we see it being assailed, and its norms and practices ignored and broken. As we travel through this next month, help us to stay hopeful and whole, knowing your love always wins and evil cannot triumph. We lean into your love and shelter.

Almighty God,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For all who still suffer in modern day slavery, give your support and healing, and assist the efforts of all who work to abolish these inhumane practices. Be also with those who are in need of your Holy Spirit's power, especially... (here we pray for members and friends who are in need of prayer), and those we name now in our hearts.

Pause for a moment of silence

Almighty God,

C: hear our prayer.

Conclusion

L: We belong to you, O God, and trust that you will answer our prayers in the way that fulfills your will, for the sake of your Son Jesus, the Anointed One.

C: Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

- L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING "Around You, O Lord Jesus" Gabrielsen

OFFERING PRAYER

- L: You do not demand sacrifices of blood, but the offerings of our hearts and lives.

 Receive and bless these gifts, which we offer in response to all that you have freely given, and use them for your highest purposes in this kingdom on earth.
- 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 "At the Table" Phuc Luu

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 Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN 542 (st. 1-2)

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

See music on next page

SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE Selections from "Partita on 'At the Lamb's High Feast'" F

Ferguson

O Living Bread from Heaven



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