

## **Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastors	Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer
Liturgical Assistant	Marti Priest
Organist	Julie Urban
Vocalists	Annika Coyle, Mark Lofthus, Dan Magnuson
Instrumentalists	Annika Coyle, guitar; Mark Lofthus, guitar; Dan Magnuson, guitar
Generosity Speakers	Lisa Bernard, Patricia Day
Dramatic Reading	The Burmaster family: Bob, Jessica, Will, Carter, Izzy; Ruth Murphy, Marti Priest, Greg Winter,
Children's Message	Pastor Kristen Capel, Cindy Nelson, Amy Snetting, Joyce Suek, Julie Urban
Camera/Recording	Dana Lonn

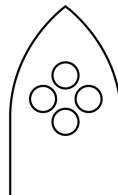
**In our prayers this week:** Barbara Anderson, Casey Austad, Linda Austad, and Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, CES (Community Emergency Service), and Wapo Bible Camp

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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

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

10:00 A.M.

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## GATHERING

VIDEO PRELUDE

“A Prayer for the Church”

Martin Luther King Jr.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: God of the covenant,

**C: You have never failed in your promises to us,  
but we often fail to be your faithful people.**

**We waste our time and resources  
on things that do not give life.**

**We doubt our abilities  
and hide our light away from the world.**

**We flee from your call when it doesn't appeal to us.  
Forgive us and call us back to your sustaining love.**

L: God hears us when we repent  
and is quick to pardon our failures.  
Hear the words of your forgiveness  
and believe that you have been restored  
by your Creator's great mercy and compassion. Rejoice!

**C: Amen**

OPENING SONG

“Instruments of Peace”

Van Voorst

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: Gracious God, you show abundant mercy even when we cannot see the purpose of it. Give us a heart for compassion and love for all of your children, regardless of who or where they may be, in the name of Jesus. Amen**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### DRAMATIC READING AND MESSAGE

**The Book of Jonah**

### SERMON SONG

"I Will Follow"

Sooter/Guerra

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Introduction*

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

*A brief silence*

L: As self-absorbed and evasive as Jonah was, you still used him to powerfully and effectively proclaim your word of grace. Likewise use us despite our flaws and resistance to your call, for the fulfillment of your mission in the world.

God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: In times of change or upheaval, we are tempted to withdraw and be concerned only for ourselves. Open us to our neighbors, especially those with whom we disagree, and encourage us to seek understanding across lines of belief and loyalties. Bring peace to our nation in this time of uncertainty, and restore in us the hope you alone can bring.

God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: The seas are once again crying out against the injustices that have been done to them. Empower all those working to clean the earth's oceans and prevent further loss and damage to your beautiful creation.

God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Self-absorption separates us from the healing blessings of community and mutual support. Help us reach out to those who have isolated themselves and use us to spread your spirit's healing grace. Send your spirit of healing to all those whom we know are in need of it, 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*

God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Conclusion*

L: Receive our prayers and assure us of your unfailing mercy which is ours through Christ Jesus.

**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.**

#### **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**OFFERING**

"Thy Holy Wings"

Sedio

**OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal 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 712** (st. 1, 4)

*See music on next page*

**“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”**

**SENDING**

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

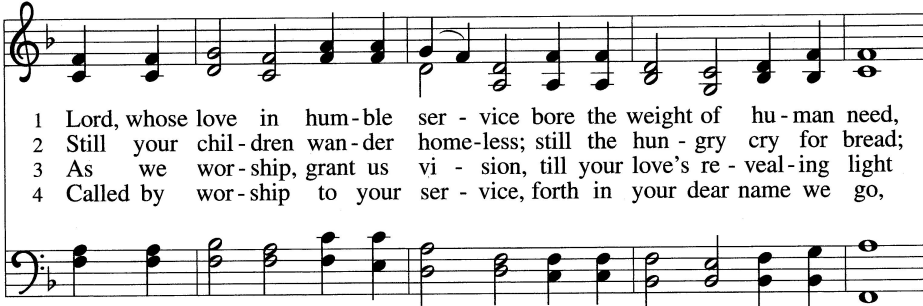
*Moment of silence*

**POSTLUDE**

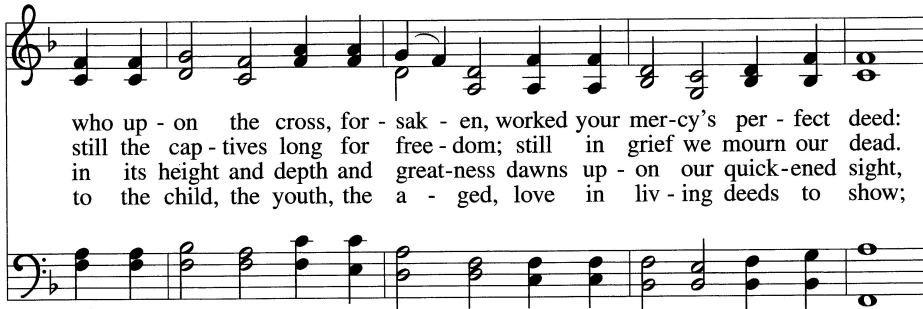
**“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”**

**Carter**

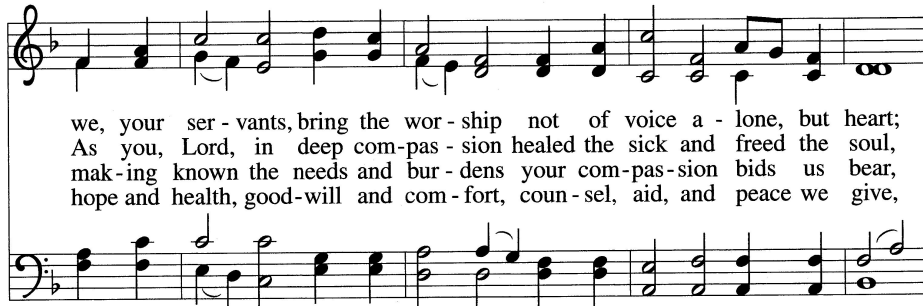
## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



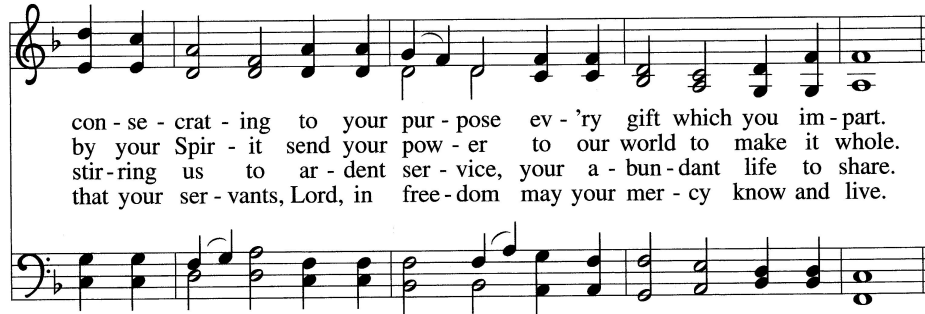
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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