

Opening Doors to Our Neighbors

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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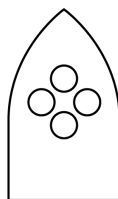
WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors	Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer
Organist	Julie Urban
Instrumentalists	Kim Bretheim, cello; Laurie Fishbein, violin
Vocalists	Kim Capel, Johan Christopherson, Bill and Carol Kaemmerer, Cindy Nelson, Maren Nelson, Sarah Winter
Lector	Jan Myers
Generosity Speakers	Pam Dewey, Elisabeth Pletcher, Stephanie Korchik
Camera/Recording	Dana Lonn

In our prayers this week: Barbara Anderson, Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, and Dee Levine; 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
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HEIGHTS**

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 17, 2021

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Organ Sonata in G" Scarlatti

WELCOME

SONG "Open Doors" Kim Capel
See music on page 8.

OPENING DOORS TO OUR NEIGHBORS Pam Dewey, Elisabeth Pletcher

HYMN 641 (st. 1, 4, 5) "All Are Welcome"
See music on page 9.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

L: We pray together:

**C: God of love and light,
Jesus turned the world upside down
with his mission of love for all people.
We want to follow Jesus.
We want to care for our neighbors
and put love at the center.
We know that your love changed the world
when Jesus came,
and we believe Jesus still has the power
to turn the world upside down.
Fill us with that love and lead us in your ways.
Amen**

WORD

VIDEO PSALM

“Our True Help—Psalm 146”

The Work of the People

THE READING

Luke 4:14-30

L: Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”

He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN 708

See music on page 10.

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

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

A brief silence

L: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was one who put your mission of love and justice on display for the world to see. We are grateful for his life and legacy, and we know there is still more work to do than we could ever imagine. Help us, O God, to be people who are actively working to dismantle the systems that oppress black and brown people in our country. Inspire us to continue MLK’s work for justice and champion his dream that all persons would be regarded as equals.

God of love,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You call us to get our hands dirty by engaging in ministry in the world around us. We pray that you will lead us to follow your mission right here in our neighborhood and in all of the places we live our lives. We pray for those who discern our neighborhood partnerships with Loaves and Fishes, we pray for all of the children gathering in learning pods in our building, and we pray that you would continue to open the doors of our church building to the world around us.

God of love,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray today for all who are suffering from COVID, for the frontline workers who care for our communities, and for those who are working to effectively distribute a vaccination so all might be safe and well. We pray for all who are grieving loss and all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit this day, especially those whose names we bring before you (*here we pray for members and friends in need of prayer*).

God of love,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We are both hopeful and fearful of what this week will bring as our nation transitions power from President Trump to President Biden. We pray for healing in the midst of deep division, calm in the midst of raging storms, peace in the hearts and lives of those who would incite violence. We pray that you would especially be with all of those who protect and defend us from harm.

God of love,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: With all your saints we praise you, in this life and the next, remembering the amazing things you have done for us.
God of love,

C: Hear our prayer.

Conclusion

L: Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your Son Jesus, 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 MOMENT

Stephanie Korchik

OFFERING

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Sedio

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Generous God,

**C: You give us air to breathe, food to share,
friends to care for us, and all that we need in this life.
Receive our offering as a symbol of our gratitude.
We pray that you would use the gifts we offer
to open the doors of our church and of our lives;
an offering of love for the world.
Amen**

SENDING

BLESSING

L: 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 538

See music on page 11.

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

Krentz Organ

Open Doors

Kim Capel

Voice

We o-pen wide the doors No stran-gers neigh-bors all are we We
We o-pen wide our hands No room for in - e - qual - i - ty We
We o-pen wide our hearts We join our voic - es now we sing We

5

o - pen wide the doors To join in our com - mun - i - ty In
o - pen wide our hands Gods i - mage is di - ver - si - ty And
5 o - pen wide our hearts In wor - ship and in of - fer - ing In

9

part - ner - ship we build a place Where all may come and find a space Of
as we walk the path we find Not one soul is left be - hind Our
9 fel - low - ship we learn a - new As man - y gath - er or a few To

13

wel - come won - der full of grace We o - pen wide the doors.
lives for - e - ver in - ter - twined We o - pen wide our hands.
13 sing our prais - es all to you We o - pen wide our hearts.

All Are Welcome

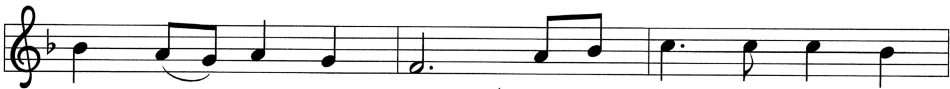
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.


Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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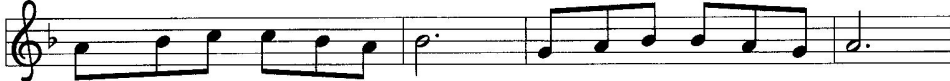
Refrain



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.

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779 and refrain

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios

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En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - taes - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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