



Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

a community of the cross

called to confess hope in action

worshiping · serving · inviting · connecting · giving · growing

ASH WEDNESDAY 2021

Nokomis Heights is a Reconciling In Christ (RIC) Congregation. We believe the gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally, without regard to cultural or ethnic background; race; sexual orientation; gender identity; physical or mental abilities; socio-economic, marital, or family status; gender; or age. We welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, their partners and their families into full participation in the life and ministry of this congregation.

WORSHIP LEADERS

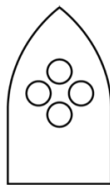
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| Pastors | Kristen Capel, Steve Delzer |
| Organist | Julie Urban |
| Vocalists | Annika Coyle, Daniel Magnuson, Sarah Winter |
| Instrumentalists | Annika Coyle, guitar; Dan Magnuson, guitar |

Join us each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for worship

Find us online on Facebook and YouTube

Join us each Wednesday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM

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**NOKOMIS
HEIGHTS**

Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

8:00 P.M.

GATHERING

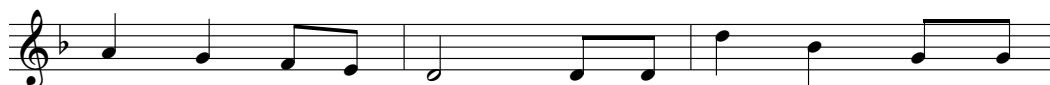
WELCOME

HYMN 701

“Once We Sang and Danced”



1. Once we sang and danced with glad - ness, Once de -
2. All the wil - lows bow in weep - ing, All the
3. God, who came to dwell a - mong us, God, who
4. Come, O Christ, a - mong these ash - es, Come to



light filled ev - 'ry breath; Now we sit a - mong the
riv - ers rage and moan, As cre - a - tion joins our
suf - fered our dis - grace, From your own heart, grieved and
wipe our tears a - way, Death de - stroy and sor - row



ash - es, All our dreams de - stroyed by death.
plead - ing: “God, do not leave us a - lone.”
wound - ed, Come the rich - es of your grace.
ban - ish; Now and al - ways, come and stay.

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Tune: KAS DZIEDAJA, 8 7 8 7; Latvian melody

WORD

THE PSALM

PSALM 51:1-12

L: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

L: When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from

heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Long"

Wardell

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our Redeemer.

C: Amen

L: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Fountain of living water,

C: Pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

**Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

Amen

L: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace.
By the saving power of Jesus Christ, and the wisdom and power of God,
Your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: Amen

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

L: As you mark your forehead (*or mark the forehead of another*) with a cross of ashes, hear (*or say*) these words:

C: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

L: Let us pray together:

**C: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in all the world.
By the cross and resurrection of your Son, our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.
Amen.**

MEAL

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

"Create in Me"

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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

BLESSING

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING

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

C: Amen

POSTLUDE

“Once We Sang and Danced”

Carter

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