

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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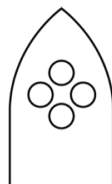
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In our prayers this week: Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Rich Gronner, Jack Hanson, Jennifer Harris, Dee Levine, and Erin Sachsenmaier; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, Community Emergency Service (CES), and Wapo Bible Camp

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)

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“This Is My Father’s World”

Trad.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of God’s Spirit, washed in the blood.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I and the Savior am happy and blessed.
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with God’s goodness, lost in God’s love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

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.**

KYRIE 155



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy. Christe eleison: Christ, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: We pray together:

C: **God of wisdom,**

**You challenge us to expand our minds to your inclusive view of the world.
Teach us to welcome the stranger whoever they may be
and to open ourselves to having our minds changed
and our hearts transformed, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen**

WORD

THE PSALM

Psalm 15

L: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-42

L: Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who

sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

"For the One"

Johnson/McClure

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

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

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

L: You made your followers uncomfortable, O Lord, when you invited them to look beyond their closest circles of belonging to serve all your children. In the same way, shake up our restricted views and open us to a bigger life where anything is possible with you.

Compassionate God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: There is need of only one thing: you and your unbounded love. Show us clearly the power of accepting the other and seeing ourselves in each person we encounter.
Compassionate God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You invite us to walk gently upon the earth, treating creation as our home. Give us vision in how we live on this planet, and strengthen our efforts to protect and preserve all that you have made.
Compassionate God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Make us present to those who need our help and show us a world beyond the confines of our comfort zone. Use us as healing ambassadors to all whom we encounter, and send your blessing to those who we name today... *(here we pray for members and friends in need of prayer)*.
Compassionate God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Make us one with all the saints of every time and place, and inspire the deeds of our lives with their example of passion and faithfulness.
Compassionate God,

C: Hear our prayer.

Conclusion

L: You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us to put our trust in you, and in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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

"This is My Father's World"

Trad.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Almighty God,
C: **giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you, not with our lips only,
but with our whole lives,
turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys
of all our days into a living sacrifice to you;
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen**

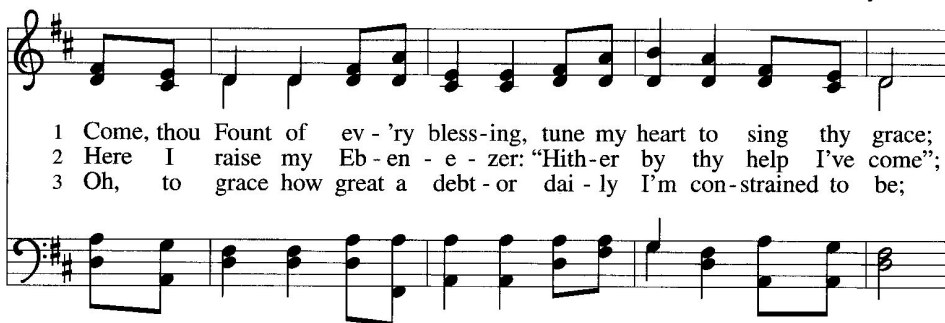
SENDING

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 807

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”



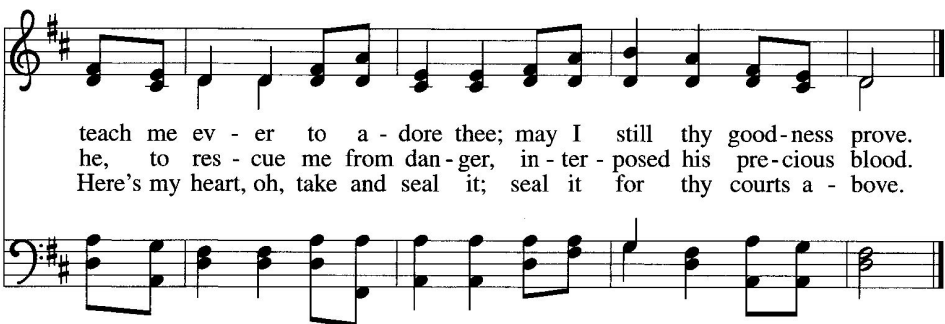
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

SENDING

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

“Blackberry Blossom”

Trad.

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