



Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors	Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer
Guest Musicians	John and Maddie Holtze
Lector	Erika Olson
Children's Message	Pastor Kris Capel
Camera/Recording	Dana Lonn

In our prayers this week: The family of John and Amy Snetting, on the death of John's mother; The Richard Feig family, upon his death; Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Rich Gronner, 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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HEIGHTS**

Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Hymn to Hope”

Loveland

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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
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

VIDEO REFLECTION

“Open Unto Me”

Thurman

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: **Merciful God,**

**You long for your people to bear the fruits
of mercy and repentance.**

**Tend and guide our growth into a faithful people
who serve you and the people you love,
for the sake of Jesus. Amen**

WORD

THE PSALM

Psalm 122

L: I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”
For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

L: At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

ANTHEM

“Our Song in the Night”

Van Patter

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 give us endless chances to show your love in our lives, although we do not always take them. Open our hearts to see the world with the same compassion that you do, and treat others with the grace you have given us.
God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for peace in the Holy Land and for reconciliation between its peoples. We pray for the country of Haiti, that in the midst of political turmoil, your peace would rain down. Soften hearts that have hardened and forgive those who have succumbed to hatred.
God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Even amidst the curses of pollution, endangerment and exploitation, this earth and its creatures continue to endure and thrive. Make us willing and dedicated partners committed to the renewal of our environment.
God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Disease and disaster are not punishments for sin, but rather reflections of a broken and imperfect world. Strengthen all who suffer adversity of any kind and who need a special measure of your healing. As the United States reached 500,000 COVID deaths this week, we grieve with all of those who have lost loved ones and

we pray for a rapid distribution of vaccinations to end this disaster. We also pray for our sisters and brothers in Texas, many of whom lost homes and livelihood as they recover from the winter weather disaster that blanketed their state. We also pray for those whom we know and love who are suffering in any way, especially... *(here we pray for members and friends in need of prayer).*

God of mercy,

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 MOMENT

OFFERING

“Change My Heart, O God”

Espinosa

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 793

See music on page 9.

“Be Thou My Vision”

SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

“Counting Sheep”

Holtze

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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