

## **Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021**

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Pastors	Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer
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Instrumentalists	Marit Aaseng, viola; Kim Bretheim, cello, Laura Bretheim, violin
Vocalists	Marit Aaseng, Kim Bretheim, Sue Danielson Bretheim, Catherine Bretheim, Laura Bretheim
Lector	Julia Murphy
Children's Message	Pastor Steven Delzer
Camera/Recording	Dana Lonn

**In our prayers this week:** 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.

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HEIGHTS**

Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

# NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

10:00 A.M.

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### GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

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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**

HYMN 325

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## 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 - lei - son.  
Chris - te e - lei - son.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: We pray together:

C: **Compassionate God,  
you welcomed all people  
and did not hold their misfortunes against them.  
Encourage us also to set aside our prejudice  
and show the same unbiased mercy you demonstrated,  
through Jesus Christ. Amen**

## WORD

### THE PSALM

Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.  
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.  
Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.  
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 18:31—19:10**

L: Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.” But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN 595 (st. 1-2)

"Jesus Loves Me!"

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

## 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: Restorer of sight to the blind, sharpen our own eyes to see the places where we are needed, and to see ourselves as you see us: gifted servants and beloved children.  
God of love,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Forgiver of sin, you didn't judge a man for his past offenses, but rather saw the true heart within, enabling him to become the person he was truly created to be. May we, like Zacchaeus, be open to the transforming power of your forgiveness.  
God of love,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: We repent of the ways we have abused and destroyed this earth, O Lord, and ask for strength and wisdom to work toward preserving what remains, for the sake of all living things.  
God of love,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: We continue to pray for our city and for all who are involved in the trial seeking justice for George Floyd. We pray for George Floyd's family, and we continue to pray for all of those who are victims of the systemic racism in our country. Open our eyes to see where injustice is present and reorient us toward a more just society.  
God of love,

**C: hear our prayer.**



L: Grant healing and mercy to all those who are suffering in any way. We pray especially for these members and friends whom we name before you for your blessing... *(here we pray for members and friends in need of prayer)*, and we pray for all of those, hurting in any way, whom we name before you in the silence of our hearts at this time.

God of love,

**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**

“Jesus Love Me”

McMichael

**OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Compassionate God,

**C: you have given freely to us,  
and so we freely offer these gifts to your people.**

**Bless them and use all of our resources—time, money and talents—  
to serve your kingdom’s mission in the world,  
for the sake of Jesus. 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 768** (st. 1, 3)

*See music on next page*

**“Lead Me, Guide Me”**

**SENDING**

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Moment of silence*

**POSTLUDE**

“Christian’s Farewell”

McMichael

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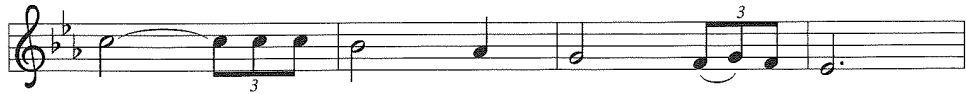
# Lead Me, Guide Me

768

*Refrain*



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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