

## **Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**

a community of the cross called to confess hope in action

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 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

Pastors Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer

Organist Julie Urban

Vocalists Johan Christopherson, Annika Coyle

Instrumentalist Annika Coyle, guitar

Lector Linda Grieme

Children's Message Pastor Kris, Annika Coyle

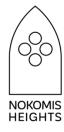
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In our prayers this week: Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Marcia Stevens Casterton, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Mary Hurney, Dee Levin, and Erin & Evelyn Sachsenmaier; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, Community

Emergency Service (CES), and Wapo Bible Camp

# Join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship Find us online on Facebook and YouTube

## www.nokomisheights.org



Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

## **NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021 10:00 A.M.

## **GATHFRING**

PRELUDE "Alleluia No. 1" Honoré

#### WFLCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- L: We confess our sins before God and one another. *Pause for silence and reflection.*
- L: Risen Lord,
- C: We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection.

  We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life.

  Forgive us.

  Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.

  Amen
- L: Christ is arisen,
  bringing gifts of life, mercy, and pardon for sin!
  Believe that you are forgiven,
  and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection
  in the power of God's Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen

## HYMN 374 ELW "Day of Arising"

- 1 Day of a ris ing, Christ on the road way,
- 2 When we are walk ing, doubt ful and dread ing,
- 3 Lo, I am with you, Je sus has spo ken. 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,

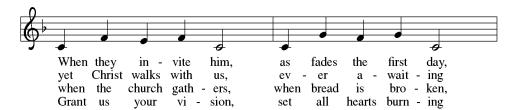


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#### **GREETING**

L: The Lord be with you.

bread of

C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious God,

C: Gracious God,

The risen Lord walked with his disciples and turned their grief into joy. Walk also with us along our path of service and cheer us with your presence. Amen



WORD

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

L: Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas,

answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?"

They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come Alive (Dry Bones)"

Farren/Daigle

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

L: Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

L: You come to us at our lowest points, bringing hope of new life and resurrection. Open us to the joy of the Easter proclamation, that we would live to witness to its power.

God of life,

## C: Hear our prayer.

L: We share your presence when we gather with others in ordinary places like walking paths and dinner tables. Alert us to the divine breaking through the mundane, and make each of our days a sacred offering to you. God of life,

## C: Hear our prayer.

L: Support all those dealing with seasonal flooding at this time of year, and help us find ways of addressing our planet's changing climate, through technology and lifestyle alterations.

God of life.

## C: Hear our prayer.

L: Be with those who grieve and those who refuse to be consoled, that they may eventually find the healing their spirits need to begin moving forward again. Send your peace and power to all who need it most. We pray today for the city of Minneapolis, the city of Brooklyn Center, for Daunte Wright's family and community as they grieve and cry out for justice. We pray for the jury in the trial of Derek Chauvin that you would give them wisdom, discernment and a sense of justice. We also pray for these members and friends of Nokomis Heights for healing and peace (here we pray for members and friends in need of prayer). God of life.

## C: Hear our prayer.

L: Bring us together with all your saints in light, into your resurrection glory where we will dwell eternally with them under the shelter of your wings. God of life,

## C: Hear our prayer.

Conclusion

L: Incline your ear to our prayers and fill us with power to begin living out our faith, by the power of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

## C: Amen

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

- L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

## MEAL

**OFFERING** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Hamilton

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

- L: God of abundance,
- C: bless these gifts to your benefit, and may all the earth know of your goodness and grace, offered through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen

## **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



#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: You reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Come to us now in this holy meal and fill us with goodness and joy at your table of grace.

**COMMUNION MEDITATION** 

"Bread of Life from Heaven"

Miller

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

L: Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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 671 WOV (st. 1-3)

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

See music on next page.

### **SENDING**

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Moment of silence

**POSTLUDE** "Toccata on 'At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing'"

Manz



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