



## **Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021**

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## **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
Camera/Recording	Dana Lonn

**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

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**NOKOMIS  
HEIGHTS**

Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

# NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

10:00 A.M.

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Alleluia No. 1”

Honoré

WELCOME

## 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**



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,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

**GREETING**

L: The Lord be with you.

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**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 172**

**“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!  
Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

**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**



COMMUNION THANKSGIVING 474 (st. 5)

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

- |   |                     |                              |            |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break now the bread | of Christ's sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing  |
| 2 | Seek not the food   | that will pass a - way;      | set your   |
| 3 | Love as the one     | who, in love for you,        | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell in the one    | who now dwells in you;       | make your  |
| 5 | Drink of this cup   | and de - clare his death;    | eat this   |

thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food	that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life	of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing	Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve	Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with

sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence	the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness of life	may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger and thirst	be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve in the truth	you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one in whom you	are re - born.

**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**

“Tocatta on ‘At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing’”

Manz

# Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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*Refrain* F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

F Dm Gm C F

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F Dm B<sup>b</sup> C

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;  
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward:  
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

F Dm B<sup>b</sup> C *Refrain*

he is the king of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.  
 life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

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