

## **Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**

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**SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021**

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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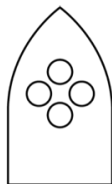
Pastors	Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer
Guest Preacher	Rev. Kelly Chatman
Organist	Julie Urban
Vocalists	Kim Bretheim, Sue Danielson Bretheim, Johan Christopherson, Carolyn Deters, Maren Nelson, Tim Wicker, Sarah Winter
Instrumentalist	Laura Morris, trumpet
Lector	Chuck Ehlers
Children's Message	Pastor Kris and Annika Coyle
Camera/Recording	Dana Lonn

**In our prayers this week:** Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Mary Hurney, Dee Levine, Erin & Evelyn Sachsenmaier, and the family of Lorraine Westley; 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 OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

10:00 A.M.

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

“O Blessed Spring”

Buckley Farlee

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 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

## GREETING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Loving God,

C: **You showed your followers that their salvation  
 didn't depend upon culture or traditions,  
 but on the grace freely offered by your Spirit.  
 Show us the same open vision of mercy offered to all,  
 regardless of background or practice,  
 for the sake of the whole world. 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, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in G major (one sharp). It consists of three systems. The first system has two lines of music with lyrics: "Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -". The second system also has two lines of music with lyrics: "- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -" and "Hal - le - lu - jah." The third system has two lines of music with lyrics: "lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah." The score includes various musical notations such as chords, eighth notes, and rests.

**WORD****THE READING****Acts 8:26-39**

L: Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so

he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**SERMON HYMN 445** (st. 1,3)

**“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”**

1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.  
 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.  
 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!

Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
 Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
 To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!

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Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
 God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
 We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.

Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.  
 one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.  
 By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### *Introduction*

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

*A brief silence.*

L: The word that came through your servant Philip spread to places far beyond his own world. May your Spirit's power also magnify our witness and extend it well past the limits of our own reach.

God of truth,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Even when we draw boundaries of background, status, or ability, you erase the borders between people with your radical message of welcome, safety and belonging for all. Instill this passion for our brothers and sisters of every persuasion within us as well, so we might be more effective, faithful messengers of your gospel.

God of truth,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: You welcomed the Ethiopian officer in the waters of baptism, and he was filled with your praises. Transform our hearts at the sight of your created world: the waters, fields, forests, and deserts, that we might be moved to protect them fiercely from the ravages of overdevelopment, pollution, and irresponsible harvesting of resources.

God of truth,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We who seek to represent Christ cannot always see that it is our own hearts which need to be healed. Open us to see ourselves honestly, and transform our broken places with your Spirit's mercy. Attend to all who need your healing, especially (*here we pray for members and friends in need of prayer*).

God of truth,

**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

"O Blessed Spring"

Buckley Farlee

#### OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of abundance,

**C: When we give of ourselves,  
you prosper our hearts.  
Receive and bless these gifts  
and use them and us for the ongoing work  
of your merciful kingdom,  
for the sake of Jesus our Lord. 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.  
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this  
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with  
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

*Refrain*

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

L: By your grace draw your children to your table.  
By your mercy feed us on your love.  
By your power send us out to be your servants.

**COMMUNION MEDITATION**

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”

arr. Krentz Organ

**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 807** (st. 1, 3)

*See music on next page.*

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**SENDING**

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

*Moment of silence*

**POSTLUDE**

“Tocatta on ‘Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing’”

Biery

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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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.



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