



Summer of Love: We Belong to Each Other

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

a community of the cross

called to confess hope in action

worshiping · serving · inviting · connecting · giving · growing

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors	Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer
Organist	Julie Urban
Instrumentalists	Marit Aaseng, viola; Kim Bretheim, cello; Laura Bretheim, violin; Annika Coyle, guitar; Daniel Magnuson, guitar
Vocalists	Johan Christopherson, Annika Coyle, Daniel Magnuson, Carolyn Deters, Juliet White, Tim Wicker, Kristin Denison Young
Lector	Carol Kaemmerer
Camera/Recording	Dana Lonn

In our prayers this week: Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Mary Hurney, Bob Kaemmerer, Dee Levine; 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 (online and in person)!

Outdoor, in-person worship on the church lawn this summer on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month (weather permitting).

Outdoor, in-person worship at Pearl Park on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

**Online worship continues every Sunday.
Find us online on Facebook and YouTube!**

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**NOKOMIS
HEIGHTS**

Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 20, 2021

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Jesus Loves Me”

McMichael

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: If we speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy, but don't love,

C: we are nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.

L: If we speak God's Word with power, revealing all mysteries
and making everything plain as day,
and if we have faith that says to a mountain, “Jump,” and it jumps,
but we don't love,

C: we are nothing.

L: If we give everything we own to the poor
and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr,
but don't love,

C: we've gotten nowhere.

L: So, no matter what we say, what we believe, and what we do,
we are bankrupt without love.

**C: Forgive us, O God, when we fail to love.
Fill us up with your love,
that we show up in the world as people
who love one another as you have loved us.**

L: God is the purest of love.
Know that you are forgiven and free to love one another
as God loves you.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN 641 (st. 1, 4-5)

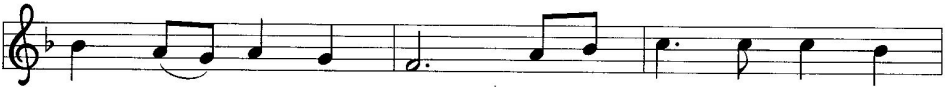
“All Are Welcome”



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 157



Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have
Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
mer - cy. A - men.

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of love,

**C: We belong to one another,
and we belong to you.**

**Continue to gather us in your love
and send us to be love in the world.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

WORD

THE READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

L: And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-31

L: One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

SERMON SONG

"Make Us One"

Van Voorst

Come in the name of Jesus,
come to become more like him.
Lord, we come.
Come and proclaim his kingdom of love
for the poor and broken ones.
Lord, we come.

*Spirit of God, make us one,
so the world may know you sent him,
heaven's perfect Son.*

Come reconcile division,
Come with humble hearts apologize.
Make us one.
Come let down your sword of anger,
Come and forgive all those who've wronged.
Make us one.

*Spirit of God, make us one,
so the world may know you sent him,
heaven's perfect Son.*

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so the world may know you sent him,
heaven's perfect Son.*

Lord, we come... make us one.

Come in the name of Jesus,
come to become more like him.
Lord, we come.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

L: Let us come to the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

L: Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest, especially Israel and Palestine. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. We pray for healing for all who are experiencing hurting of any kind. We pray especially for these members and friends of Nokomis Heights... *(here we pray for people in need of prayer)*.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Conclusion

L: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace

C: Amen

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

“Create in Me”

Green

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of abundance,
**C: Everything in heaven and on earth belongs to you.
We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us.
May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you,
dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation,
through 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

Refrain
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C⁷ F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

Refrain
F C⁷ F F C⁷ F B⁹/C

There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing;
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

SENDING

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in D Major”

Johnson

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