



# Summer of Love: Love Even when You Don't Feel Like Loving

## **Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**

a community of the cross

called to confess hope in action

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021**

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

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Children's Message	Libby Bottem
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**In our prayers this week:** Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Mary Hurney, Dee Levine, and Joyce Suek, on the death of her sister Mary;  
Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, Community Emergency Service (CES), and Wapo Bible Camp

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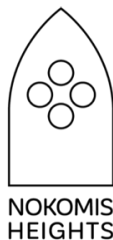
**Join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship (online and in person)!**

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

**Outdoor, in-person worship at Pearl Park on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.**

**Online worship continues every Sunday.  
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Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

# NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 27, 2021

10:00 A.M.

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Funderburk

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**

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

**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.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

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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: **Sometimes this world makes us weary  
and it is hard to put one foot in front of the other  
and keep going.**

**When we are tired from the journey,  
fill us with the spirit of your love,  
that we might keep loving one another  
with your love.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

#### WORD

#### THE READING

#### 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

L: Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not

pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God. I have applied all this to Apollos and myself for your benefit, brothers and sisters, so that you may learn through us the meaning of the saying, "Nothing beyond what is written," so that none of you will be puffed up in favor of one against another.

For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift? Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Quite apart from us you have become kings! Indeed, I wish that you had become kings, so that we might be kings with you! For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

*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.**

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **SERMON**



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.



## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### *Introduction*

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

*A brief silence.*

L: God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick or grieving and surround them with your unwavering presence. *(We pray for members and friends in need of prayer).*

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community.

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**

**"Abide with Me"**

**Shehi**

**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**

CLOSING HYMN 721

“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is  
Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is  
vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.  
vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

## SENDING

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*Moment of silence*

## POSTLUDE

“When We Are Living”

Roberts

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