

Summer of Love: Unity in the Church

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

a community of the cross

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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, Carolyn Deters, Tim Wicker, Juliette White, Kristin Denison Young
Instrumentalists	Kim Bretheim, cello; Laura Bretheim, violin
Lector	Jan Myers
Camera/Recording	Dana Lonn

In our prayers this week: Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Mary Hurney, Dee Levine; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, Community Emergency Service (CES), and Wapo Bible Camp

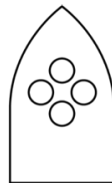
Join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship (online and in person)!

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 6, 2021

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Variation on a Theme of Corelli”

Miller

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

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 mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE 167

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

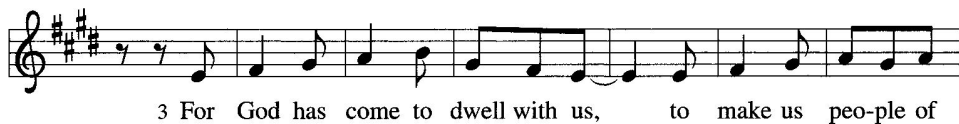
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

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SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of love,

C: **We come from different families, communities and perspectives, and we each have gifts to offer in your church and in the world.**

Help us to celebrate our differences and appreciate our diversity, that there be no divisions among us.

Bind us together in your perfect love,

revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WORD

THE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-17

L: Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God

always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
 2 Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne we pour our ar-dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu-tual woes, our mu-tual bur-dens bear,
 4 From sor-row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u-ni-ty of heart and mind is like to that a-bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
 and of-ten for each oth-er flows the sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.
 and per-fect love and friend-ship reign through all e-ter-ni-ty.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

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

A brief silence.

L: God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe and right here in our own community. Help us to see people of every race, nation, and belief system, not as a threat, but as an opportunity to build relationships that expand our minds and soften our hearts. Let your love lead us that we might be a community that celebrates one another and works together for love.

God of love,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation.

God of love,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Creator God, we are all lovingly crafted in your image, yet those who are lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual face discrimination, hatred and

violence. Guide us, O God, to be a world where all people are loved the same by one another as they are by you. May we be a church where people of all sexual and gender identities find a place of welcome, safety, and belonging.

God of love,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. *(We pray for members and friends in need of prayer).*

God of love,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of celebration, we are grateful that you have gathered us back together as a church. We are overjoyed to be celebrating in community and worshiping you in this place. Continue to remind us of all we have learned in this time of pandemic, especially of the power that your spirit has to bind us together through time and space. Keep us attentive to our neighbors near and far. Help us to love all people as you love us.

God of love,

C: hear our prayer.

Conclusion

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

C: Amen

MEAL

OFFERING HYMN 465

“As the Grains of Wheat”

Haugen

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line.

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1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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

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 gather all to your table, even when we keep some out.
You welcome all to your supper, even when we limit the guest list.
Your grace and mercy are enough for all;
now let us come at our Savior's invitation.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Lamb of God"

Haugen



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

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Final stanza:

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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 650

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Helman

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