

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church Sunday, July 11, 2021

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors	Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer	
Organist	Julie Urban	
Vocalists	Annika Coyle, Kim Bretheim, Sue Danielson Bretheim,	
	Bill and Carol Kaemmerer, Juliet White	
Instrumentalists	Kim Bretheim, cello; Laura Bretheim, violin; Annika Coyle	
Lectors	Patrick Day	
Recording/Editing	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

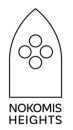
Join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship (online and in person)!

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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Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 11, 2021

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude	"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"	McMichael
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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



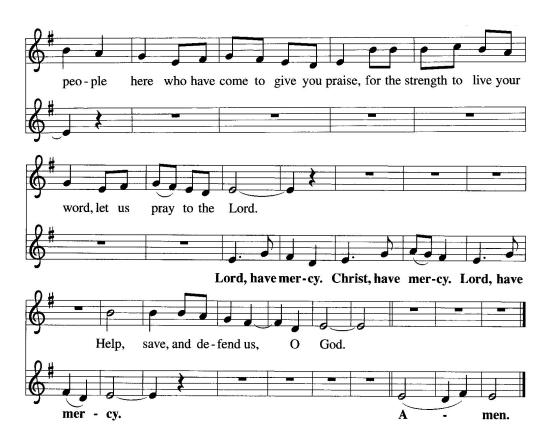
GREETING

- 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.



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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: Let us be imitators of Christ, loving one another, celebrating one another, and being bound together by your love alone. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

WORD

THE READING

1 Corinthians 11:1-16

L: Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions just as I handed them on to you. But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the husband is the head of his wife, and God is the head of Christ. Any man who prays or prophesies with something on his head disgraces his head, but any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled disgraces her head it is one and the same thing as having her head shaved. For if a woman will not veil herself, then she should cut off her hair; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or to be shaved, she should wear a veil. For a man ought not to have his head veiled, since he is the image and reflection of God; but woman is the reflection of man. Indeed, man was not made from woman, but woman from man. Neither was man created for the sake of woman, but woman for the sake of man. For this reason a woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man or man independent of woman. For just as woman came from man, so man comes through woman; but all things come from God. Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head unveiled? Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair, it is degrading to him, but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. But if anyone is disposed to be contentious—we have no such custom, nor do the churches of 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

"Make Us One"

SERMON SONG

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.

Spirit of God, make us one, 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 parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

L: Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination, and bring healing and peace to all who are suffering or grieving. (*We pray for members and friends in need of prayer*). 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

"Rock of Ages"

OFFERING

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

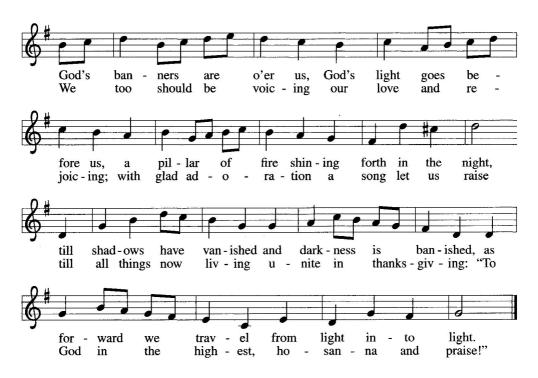
BLESSING

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



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SENDING

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

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

"Holy Manna"

McMichael

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