

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church Sunday, July 18, 2021

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer

Organist Julie Urban

Vocalists Kim Bretheim, Sue Danielson Bretheim, Johan Christopherson,

Carolyn Deters, Bill & Carol Kaemmerer, Kristin Denison Young

Instrumentalists Kim Bretheim, cello; Emma Lofthus, viola

Lector Kristin Denison Young

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 18, 2021 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Come Christians, Join to Sing" arr. 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



"One Bread, One Body"



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: You have given your creation a variety of gifts, and they were all given by the power of your Spirit. Thank you for all the gifts that come together to be your powerful witness of love in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

THE READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-14

L: Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Mark 12:28-31

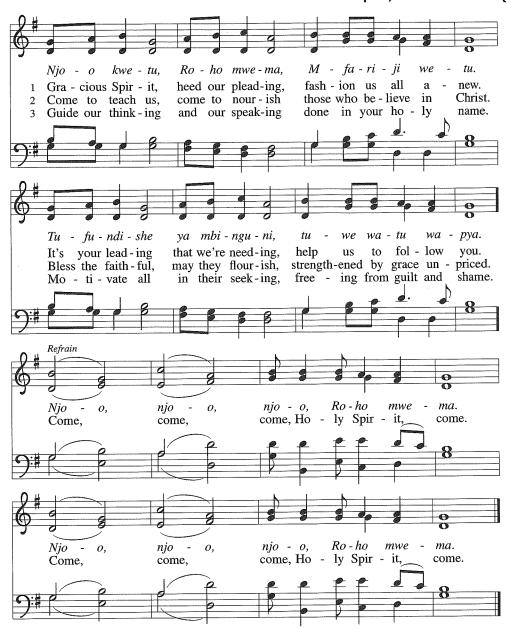
L: One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, 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

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

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

A brief silence.

L: Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict, and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. (We pray for members and friends in need of prayer).

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: O God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives of love and service.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Conclusion

L: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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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 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. McMichael

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



SENDING

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

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. Trelstad Porter

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Place of Worship. Space for Questions.