



Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church  
Sunday, July 25, 2021

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

|                   |   |
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| Pastors           | Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer  |
| Organist          | Julie Urban   |
| Instrumentalist   | Daniel Magnuson, guitar   |
| Vocalists         | Johan Christopherson, Carolyn Deters, Bill and Carol Kaemmerer, Kristin Denison Young, Tim Wicker |
| Lector            | Gregg Kelley  |
| 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

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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.**

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Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

# NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 25, 2021

10:00 AM

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## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. 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.

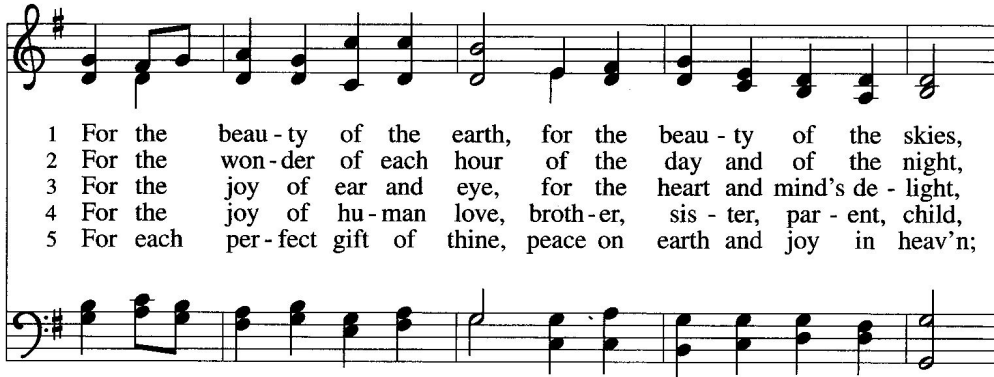
Know that you are forgiven and free to love one another

as God loves you.

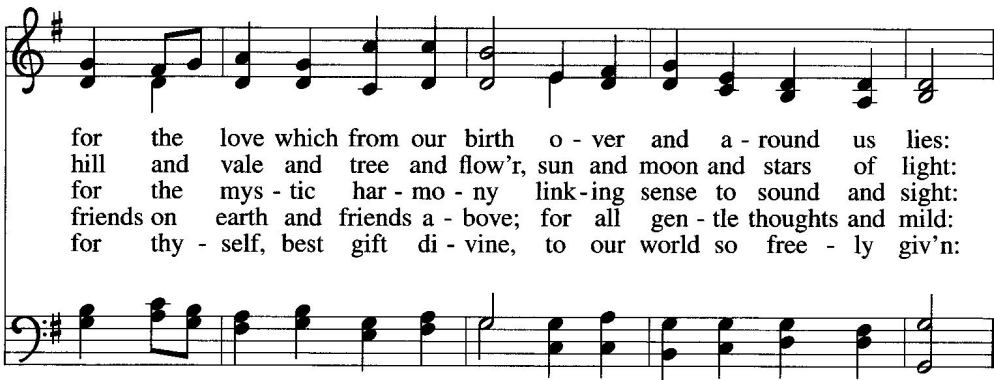
**C: Amen**

OPENING HYMN 879 (st. 1, 4-5)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

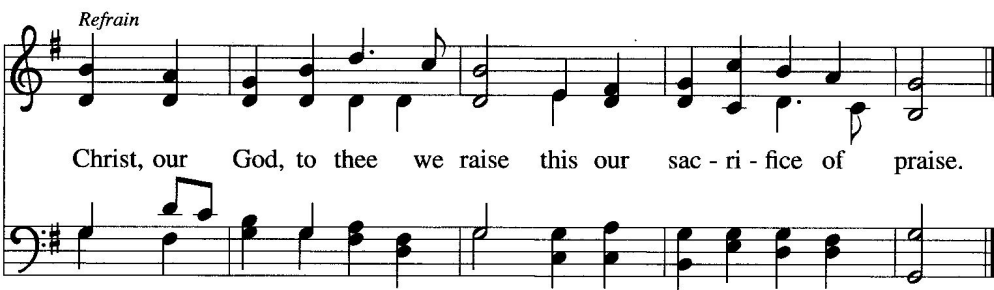


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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: **You have given us everything we need  
in the Body of Christ.  
Empower us to appreciate the bold gifts,  
the quiet gifts,  
the creative gifts,  
the organized gifts,  
the gifts of children,  
the gifts of wisdom  
the gifts of all the in-between and unseen  
who hold this Body together.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

## WORD

### THE READING

**1 Corinthians 12:15-31**

L: If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

*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

HYMN 674

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Introduction*

L: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

L: We pray for the church. Bless our ministries and the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish population.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**



L: We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing. *(We pray for members and friends in need of prayer.)*

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance.

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**

**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**

“Holy Now”

Mayer

**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**

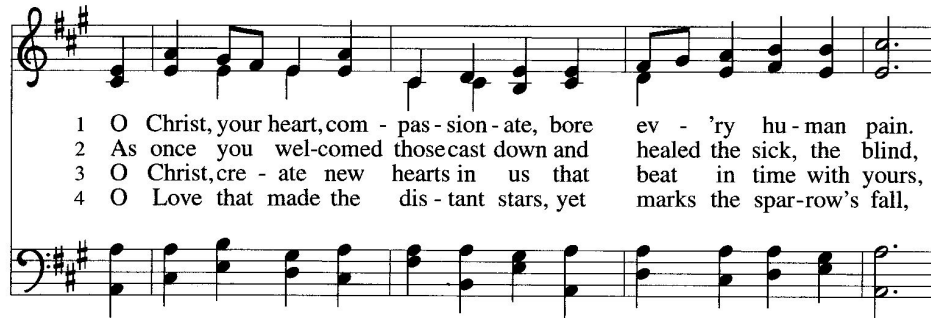
**BLESSING**

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.

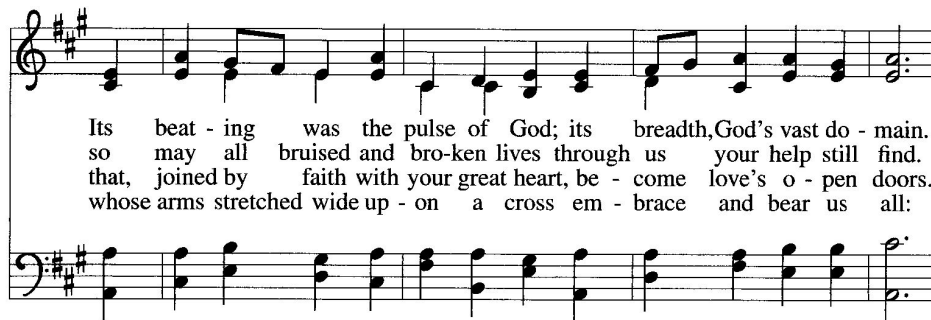
**C: Amen**

CLOSING HYMN 722 (st. 1, 3-4)

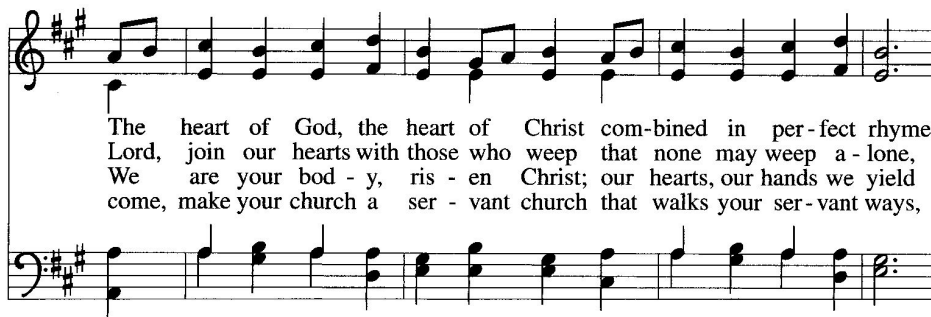
“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”



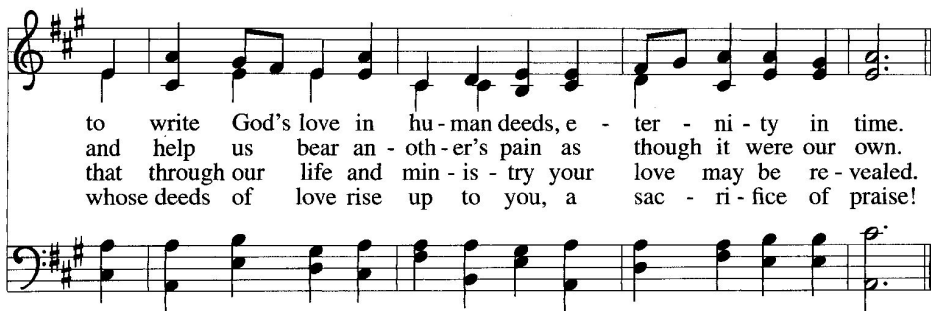
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone.  
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

## SENDING

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*Moment of silence*

## POSTLUDE

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

arr. Krentz Organ

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