

JUST

LOVE

PSALM 33:5

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God loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church  
Sunday, August 8, 2021

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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
Instrumentalists	Annika Coyle, guitar; David Langemo, piano; Daniel Magnuson, guitar; Laurie Stegner, violin
Vocalists	Annika Coyle, Johan Christopherson, Carolyn Deters, Daniel Magnuson, Maren Nelson, Tim Wicker, Sarah Winter, Kristin Denison Young
Lector	Jan Myers
Recording/Editing	Dana Lonn

**In our prayers this week:** Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Tim & Adela Engelsgaard, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Dee Levine, Charlie Olson; 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).**

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# NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 8, 2021

10:00 A.M.

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" arr. Krentz Organ

## WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: We enter into worship with humble hearts,  
confessing before God that we are broken  
and in need of God's mercy and grace.

**C: God of justice and righteousness,  
we admit that we can never live up to,  
never fully live into,  
and barely comprehend the kind of love  
that you have for all creation.**

**As hard as we try,  
we fall short of loving our neighbor as ourselves.  
As much as we talk about longing for justice,  
our whole lives are wrapped up in systems of injustice,  
and we struggle to untangle ourselves.**

**Restore us, O God, along with your whole creation.  
Where we have become numb to this unjust world,  
awaken our senses, that we might be partners with you  
in creating a more just and loving world for all people.**


L: The earth is filled with God's unfailing love.  
You are restored, forgiven and made new  
through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Live in this promise,  
knowing that love and justice are all around you,  
and are yours to give and receive.

**C: Amen**

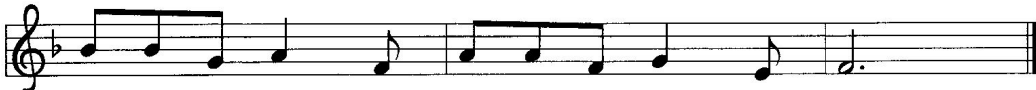
OPENING HYMN 708

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

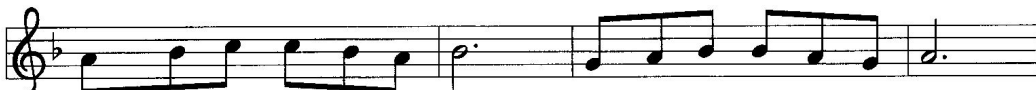
*Refrain*




Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

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 justice and love,

C: **the last time you ate with your best friends,  
you invited them to love one another  
in the model of your love.**

**We long for your love to pour out of our lives  
and into the world.**

**Fill us with your Holy Spirit,  
so that we can love one another,  
not just when we feel like it,  
but even when love feels messy and hard.**

**We pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

## WORD

### THE PSALM

Psalm 33:1-22

L: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.  
Praise befits the upright.  
Praise the LORD with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.  
Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.  
For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.  
He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.  
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.  
He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;  
he put the deeps in storehouses.  
Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.  
For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.  
The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.  
The counsel of the LORD stands for ever,  
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.  
Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.  
The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all humankind.  
From where he sits enthroned he watches  
all the inhabitants of the earth—  
he who fashions the hearts of them all,  
and observes all their deeds.  
A king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.  
The war horse is a vain hope for victory,  
and by its great might it cannot save.

Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
to deliver their soul from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and shield.  
Our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.  
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### THE GOSPEL

**John 13:34-35**

L: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

##### SERMON SONG

"Change the World"

Van Voorst

Patient and kind, it does not envy,  
It is not proud and doesn't boast,  
It's never rude, never self-seeking,  
Always protects, always hopes

We could speak in the tongues of angels,  
or move great mountains through great faith;  
could fathom all mystery and all understanding,  
but have not love, nothing is gained.

We believe love can change the world.  
It's the only thing that has,  
it's the only thing that will.  
The greatest of these is love that changed the world.  
You're the only One who can,  
You're the only One who will.



Never looks back, always trusting,  
never gives up, it perseveres.  
Rejoicing with truth and always forgiving,  
no record of wrongs, it casts out fear.

We could speak in the tongues of angels,  
or move great mountains through great faith;  
could fathom all mystery and all understanding,  
but have not love, nothing is gained (without)

We believe love can change the world.  
It's the only thing that has,  
it's the only thing that will  
The greatest of these is love that changed the world.  
You're the only One who can,  
You're the only One who will,  
You're the only One who will.

## **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: For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water.

God in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: For our calling as a community centered in your love, that we would love one another as you have loved us, care for the creation you have made, and spread love and justice throughout all the earth.

God in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated.

God in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick, *especially... (we pray for members and friends in need of prayer).*

God in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*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**

“Land of Rest”

arr. Krentz Organ

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

L: God of perfect summer nights  
and moonbeams on lakes,  
we are grateful for this world  
and all its bounty.  
Along with all creation,  
we give thanks to you  
for providing all that we need for this life.  
Receive the gifts we bring:  
gifts of money,  
gifts of time,  
and gifts of compassion.  
Use them to restore justice  
and spread love throughout the world.

**C: Amen**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

L: The world has waited long enough  
to hear your voice,  
to feel your feet treading with gentle curiosity,  
to see how you embrace each adventure.  
God's world needs you  
and thank God that  
the Spirit will whisper direction  
directly into your heart  
to the places in need of  
and the people who are thirsty for  
love and justice.  
Go, child of God,  
into the wild places  
where you will fly and fall and finally  
build brighter days  
singing all the while  
of a holy JUST LOVE.

**C: Amen**

CLOSING HYMN 631 (st. 1-2)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us, all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

## SENDING

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Moment of silence*

## POSTLUDE

### “Simple Gifts”

arr. Young

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