

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church Sunday, October 17, 2021

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Nokomis Heights is a Reconciling In Christ (RIC) Congregation. We believe the gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally, without regard to cultural or ethnic background; race; sexual orientation; gender identity; physical or mental abilities; socio-economic, marital, or family status; gender; or age. We welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, their partners and their families into full participation in the life and ministry of this congregation.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors	Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer
Guest Preacher	Kelly Chatman
Pianist	Julie Urban
Instrumentalists	Kim Bretheim, cello
Vocalists	Kim Bretheim, Sue Danielson Bretheim, Carolyn Deters,
	Bill Kaemmerer, Carol Kaemmerer, Tim Wicker
Lector	Gregg Kelley
Sound	Dana Lonn, Greg Winter

In our prayers this week: Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Jennifer Harris, Rich Gronner, Dee Levine, Charlie Olson, Blanca Raniolo's sister Nelly, and Eric and Piper Roome; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, Community Emergency Service (CES), and Wapo Bible Camp

Join us each Sunday for worship (online and in person)!

Outdoor, in-person worship on the church lawn every Sunday, at 10:00 am, weather permitting.

Adult Forum and Sidewalk Sunday School at 9:00 am, on the church lawn.

Online worship premieres at 10:00 am every Sunday.

Find us online on Facebook and YouTube! www.nokomisheights.org



Place of Worship. Space for Questions

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 17, 2021

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

Sedio

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen

- L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- C: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.
- L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere, including Diamond Lake, Lake Nokomis, Minnehaha Creek, and the Mississippi River.
 Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
 Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.
 To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- 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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of welcome,

C: When you walked the earth, you gathered together the misfits and the dignitaries, the celebrating and the hurting, the favored and the looked-down-upon.
With your arms spread wide, you made it clear that you honor and celebrate all people all nations, races, and religions; all genders, orientations, and identities all people everywhere.
Help us to share your message of radical inclusion with a world that is so divided, that in this place, we might glimpse a little bit of heaven on earth. Amen

WORD

THE READING

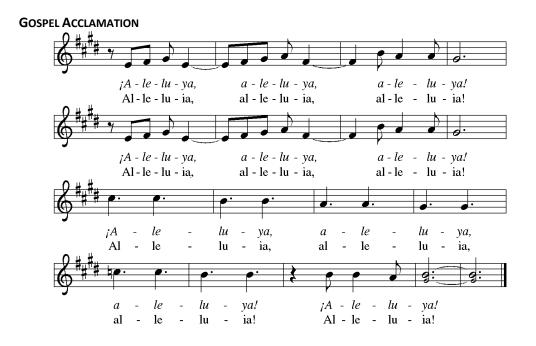
Galatians 3:23-29

L: Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:7-14

L: When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place', and ten in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

- The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

SERMON HYMN 641 "All Are Welcome" 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly 2 build Let us a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and 4 build Let us a house where hands will reach be yond the wood and 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions place live, where saints a and chil tell dren how true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to wheat: ban a quet hall on ho ly ground where stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as e. hearts learn to for -Built of give. hopes and dreams and dream God's reign а new. Here the cross shall stand as peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through live the Word they've known. Here the out cast and the words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of wit - ness and as sym bol of God's grace; here as one we Je - sus, is re-vealed in time and space; as we share in strang-er bear the im age of God's face; let us bring an laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro-Refrain Christ shall end di vi sions: claim the faith of Je н sus: Christ the feast that frees All us: are wel - come, end fear to dan and ger: claim from floor to raf ter: all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

L: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.



L: Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness, that all may be healed. We pray especially for... *(members and friends in need of prayer).* Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Inclusive One, we are thankful for the wide welcome and celebration you hold for all people. We pray that, formed in your image, we at Nokomis Heights would build wells, not fences, gathering people of all genders, abilities, orientations, ethnicities, and backgrounds to drink from your well of goodness and love. We are thankful for Pastor Kelly Chatman who is a powerful witness to your Gospel here and Nokomis Heights and around the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

- L: Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

Conclusion

- L: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; though Jesus Christ, our truth and life.
- 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 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" Sedio

OFFERING PRAYER

L: We pray together:

C: God of abundance,

you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SENDING

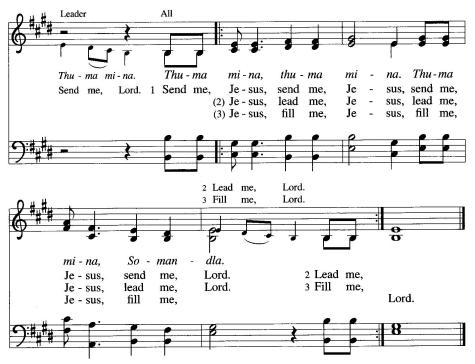
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

- L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN 809

"Send Me, Lord"



SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"	Krentz Organ
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