

# Reformation

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church Sunday, October 31, 2021

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer

Pianist Julie Urban

Instrumentalists Nathan Hasterlik, trumpet; Hannah Steinert, trumpet

Vocalists Kim Bretheim, Sue Danielson Bretheim, Johan Christopherson,

Carolyn Deters, Tim Wicker

Lector Dave Engelsgaard

Recording/Editing Dana Lonn

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)!

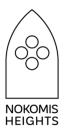
In-person worship in the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, November 7, at 10:00 am.

Adult Forum in the Sanctuary at 9:00 am, Sunday School in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am.

Masks are required.

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)**

# **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

OCTOBER 31, 2021 10:00 A.M.

# **GATHERING**

PRELUDE "Erhalt, uns Herr" Walther

# **WELCOME**

## **PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

L: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

C: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in the giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

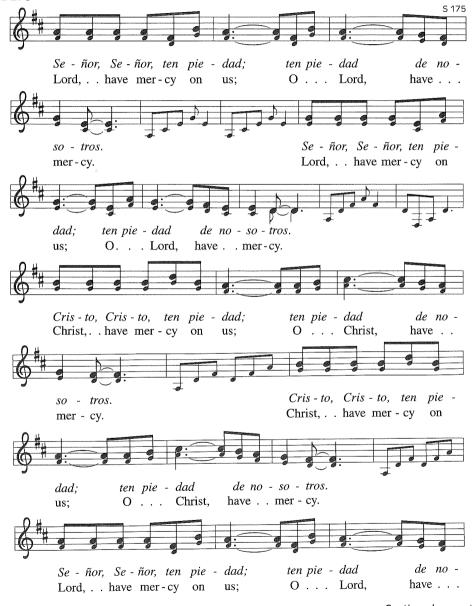




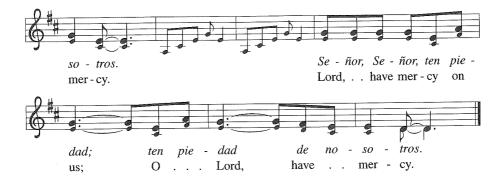
## **GREETING**

- 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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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Amen

- L: Almighty God,
- C: you have set us free through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

  Because of this gift,
  we are free to continuously re-form our lives around your love.

  Thank you for being our refuge and strength in an ever-changing world.

# Word

FIRST READING Psalm 46

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;

see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The Word of the Lord.

# C: Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



THE GOSPEL John 8:31-36

L: Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Word of the Lord.

# C: Thanks be to God.

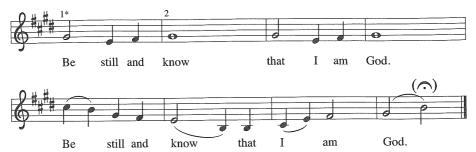
## **SERMON**



## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR ARLO THEODORE TAFT

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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, followed by the response (sing twice):



L: Strengthen the church to rediscover paths of love throughout the world and raise up teachers and leaders to guide communities of faith into joyful ways of welcoming, worshiping, healing, praying, singing, feeding, teaching, loving, and living. Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

L: Embolden movements of people to care for the world around us. Reveal to us creation's beauty and teach us to care for your fields, valleys, mountains, streams, oceans, and deserts, so that future generations will continue to be awed by them. Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

L: Grant courage to all world leaders who hear your call for peace. Protect all who live in lands affected by violence, especially in Haiti, Syria, Afghanistan, and Mogadishu. Strengthen the United Nations and all worldwide peace efforts that help us to live in harmony as neighbors who share a common planet. Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

L: Provide refuge and help for all who lack adequate food, housing, or health care. Strengthen organizations that provide neighborly care to all who struggle. Heal and be present with all who are sick or suffering in any way, especially... (members and friends in need of prayer).

Hear us. O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

L: Pour out your wisdom upon all voters who will go to polling places on election day and uplift candidates and campaign workers locally and nationwide, that your vision of neighborly love and justice would infuse every community.

Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

L: We give you thanks for the witness of the saints, especially reformers throughout generations who worked to rediscover the proclamation of the gospel. Guide us in their way of living until we all gather together at your table of abundance. 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

Sing response twice:



## **SHARING THE PEACE**

- L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

# **MEAL**

**OFFERING** "Fanfare" Purcell

# **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

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

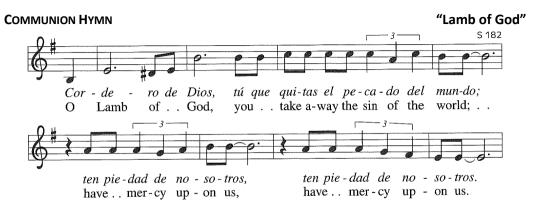
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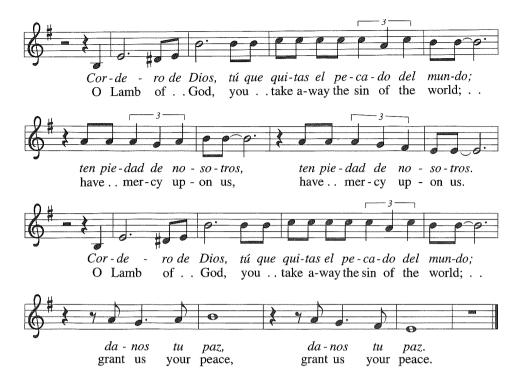
## LORD'S PRAYER

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

# **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

L: You gather all to your table, even when we keep some out.
You welcome all to your supper, even when we limit the guest list.
Your grace and mercy are enough for all;
now let us come at our Savior's invitation.





# **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

- L: Lord of life, in this meal, you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: 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



#### SENDING

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

# Moment of silence

Postlude "Ein Feste Burg" Pachelbel

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