

Opening Doors

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 21, 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
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In our prayers this week: Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Dee Levine, Charlie Olson, Dick Pelinka, 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
Sundays, 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.

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Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Courante from Suffolk Suite”

Biery

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**

+ OPENING HYMN 414 (st. 1-2)

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!”
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

+ 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 175

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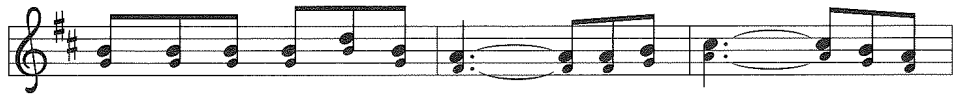
Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



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mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



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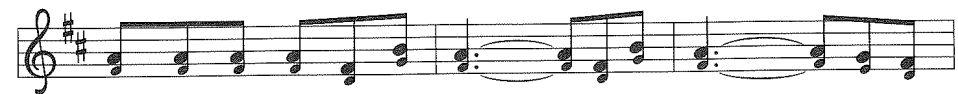
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Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



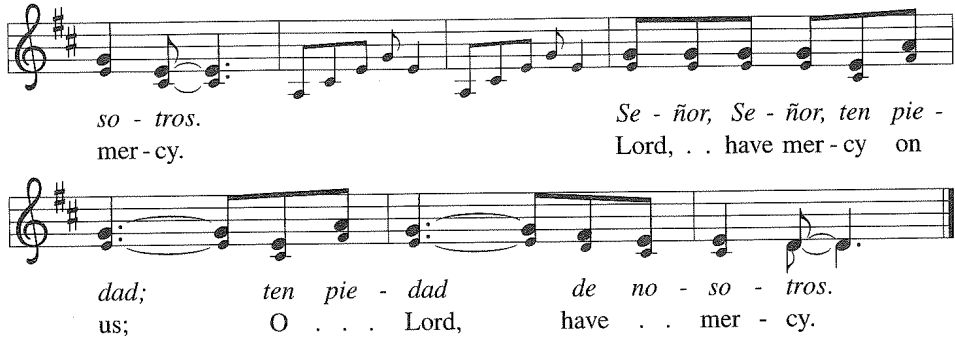
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Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



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dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and ever-living God,

C: Your Kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world.

Where the world chooses force, you show us the way of peace;

where the world chooses division, you guide us toward unity;

where the world chooses animosity, you call us to love.

Empower us to live in the light

of your upside-down Kingdom of love and mercy.

Amen

WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

L: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

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+ THE GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

L: Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, and I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?”

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”

Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?”

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

“We Open Wide the Doors”

Voice

We o - pen wide the doors No stran - gers neigh - bors all are we We
 We o - pen wide our hands No room for in - e - qual - i - ty We
 We o - pen wide our hearts We join our voic - es now we sing We

5

o - pen wide the doors To join in our com - mun - i - ty In
 o - pen wide our hands Gods i - mage is di - ver - si - ty And
 5 o - pen wide our hearts In wor - ship and in of - fer - ing In

9

part - ner - ship we build a place Where all may come and find a space Of
 as we walk the path we find Not one soul is left be - hind Our
 9 fel - low - ship we learn a - new As man - y gath - er or a few To

13

wel - come won - der full of grace We o - pen wide the doors.
 lives for - e - ver in - ter - twined We o - pen wide our hands.
 13 sing our prais - es all to you We o - pen wide our hearts.

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence, followed by the response (sing twice):

1* 2
 Be still and know that I am God.

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 Be still and know that I am God.

L: God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine.

God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them.

God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all.

God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially all the ministries we have agreed to support through volunteering, finances, and prayer. Renew them in their work.

God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those who lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace Empower us to join their witness.

God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God, our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen

Sing response twice:

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the response "Be still and know that I am God." The first staff is marked with a "1*" and a "2", indicating two different ways to sing the phrase. The second staff includes a fermata over the final note "God." and a smiley face symbol above it, suggesting a joyful or sustained ending.

+ 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.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

Greg Winter

OFFERING HYMN 689 (st. 1-3)

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.

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 439

"Soon and Very Soon"

1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there,
3 No more dy - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
4 Soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there,
no more dy - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
soon and ver - y soon

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

+ SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

“Soon and Very Soon”

Crouch / Smith

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