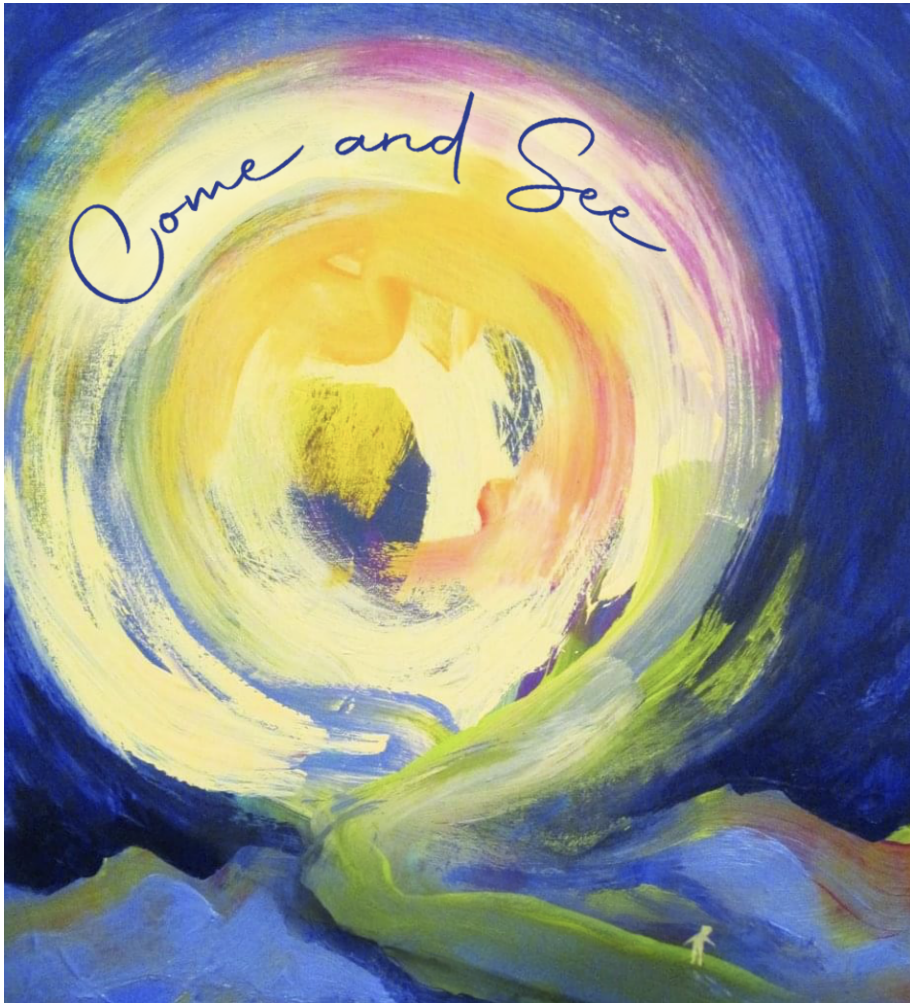


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**In our prayers this week:** Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Christopher Ferguson, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Dee Levine, Blanca Raniolo's sister Nelly, and Eric and Piper Roome.

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# NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10:00 A.M.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

Turner

WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LEADER: In each of our hearts live pieces of brokenness—  
mistakes we have made and regrets long held.  
These things do not define us.  
Jesus shines in us and through us. This is the light that defines us—  
the light of Christ, the light of life, the Light of the World.

HYMN 715 ELW (st. 1-2, 5)

“Christ, Be Our Light”



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

LEADER: The light shines in the darkness,  
 and the darkness has not overcome it.  
 Jesus says to you, child of God,  
 "Let your light so shine before others  
 that they may see your good works  
 and glorify your creator in heaven."

**ALL: Amen**

**HYMN OF PRAISE ACS S702**

1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!  
 1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!  
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!  
 To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**ALL: God of vision, too often we are spiritually blindfolded,  
 unable to see you at work in our world.  
 Remove barriers that keep us from seeing.  
 Help us to be light for others. Amen**

## WORD

### THE READING

Psalm 27:1-4

LEADER: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall.  
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.  
One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.  
*The Word of the Lord.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / BURYING THE ALLELUIA

#### BLESSING SONG

#### "The Song of Blessing"

Nelson/Weins

May God give you eyes to see all that is good, all that is good,  
the courage for anything, may you be strong, may you be strong.  
May God give you ears to hear God's loving voice, God's loving voice  
speaking all around you, all around and deep inside.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS S703

*We will sing the verse twice, the first time in English and the second time in Spanish.*

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

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

## MESSAGE

READER: As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

## MESSAGE

READER: The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

## MESSAGE

READER: They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath," But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

## MESSAGE

READER: The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eye. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said 'He is of age; ask him.'

## MESSAGE

READER: So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

MESSAGE

READER: Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him," Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him.

MESSAGE

READER: Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

MESSAGE

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

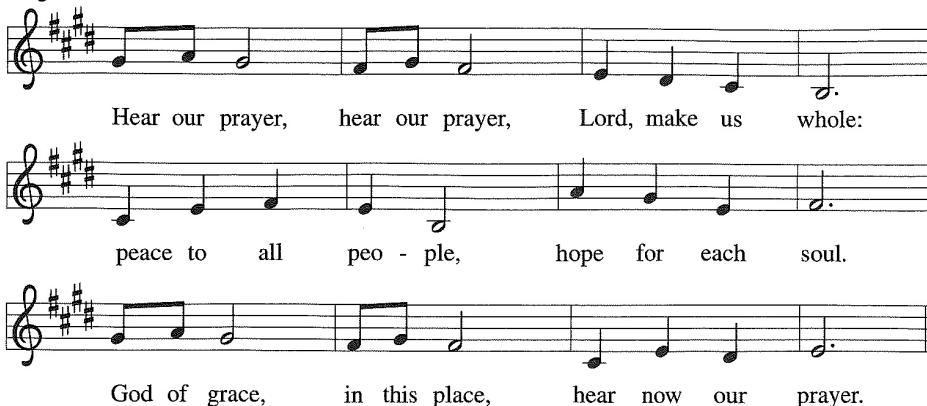


## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### Introduction

LEADER: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made:

*Sing twice*



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

LEADER: Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us out to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil.  
God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides.  
God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: As we pray for the people of Ukraine, we are reminded that you love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive.  
God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Heal those who are in distress (*especially members and friends in need of prayer*). Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty.  
God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life.  
God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart.  
God of grace,


**ALL: hear our prayer.**

*Conclusion*

LEADER: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all our prayers to you in confidence and faith, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**ALL: Amen**

*Sing twice*



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: 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**

**LEADER:** The peace of Christ be with you always.     **ALL:** And also with you.

**GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**OFFERING RESPONSE 677 ELW (st. 1)**

**“This Little Light of Mine”**

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: '1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine; oh, oh, this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine; oh, this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine, oh, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**ALL:** Generous God, your goodness floods the earth with beauty and our hearts with love.  
Receive the gifts we bring—gifts of service, compassion, and resources;  
an overflowing of your goodness into the world. Amen

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN 793 ELW (st. 1-3)

### “Be Thou My Vision”



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

### SENDING

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*Moment of silence*

### POSTLUDE

“This Little Light of Mine”

Sowash

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