

# Worship with Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church

## March 22, 2020

### *Welcome*

### *Prelude*

### ***Confession and Forgiveness***

P: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Let us confess our sin to this loving, forgiving God.

**C: Almighty and Righteous Lord, your ways are holy. Your commandments are just. We know we fall short of the kind of person you want us to be. Sometimes we neglect to care for those you send our way. Sometimes we say things that hurt. Sometimes we are simply selfish. In your mercy, forgive us. Make us right with you and send us as blessing to others.**

P: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but sent the Son in order that the world might be saved, in order that *you* might be forgiven and saved. Jesus came for you. For Jesus' sake, God forgives you. Your past has no power anymore. Amen!

### ***Prayer***

Ever-present God, you want us to know you foremost as One who sees us precious and loves us dearly. Shape our hearts and turn our will that we love You with all of our being and love our neighbors as dearly as You love them. Amen.

### ***Time for Children***

Erica Larson

### ***Psalms 89:1-4***

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:  
I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations."

### ***Gospel: Mark 12:28-34***

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him,  
"Which commandment is the first of all?"

Jesus answered, "The first is,

'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;  
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these."

Then the scribe said to him,

"You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that  
'he is one, and besides him there is no other';  
and 'to love him with all the heart,  
and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,'  
and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'  
—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

After that no one dared to ask him any question.

## ***Message***

### ***Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ***Prayers***

*A brief silence.*

God of compassion, chaotic and confused time  
    patience with each other  
    imagination for how we might be community while distanced

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of mercy,  
    people in Africa and Asia and elsewhere who do not have the resources we have  
    and yet are at the same risks and dangers as we  
    our friends in Nigeria, Pastor Innocent's family and church

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, continue to support and sustain our partners  
    the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA,  
    Living Table United Church of Christ,  
    Spirit of St. Stephen's Catholic Community,  
    churches of the Kubi District of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria,  
    Christians of other denominations and those of other faiths

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, protect those enduring  
    illness, injury, addiction, depression, mental illness, estrangement, fragile relationship  
    in this time of segregation and distance  
    remember those we name aloud or silently...

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we cling to our baptism promise  
    Emma Eckberg who celebrates the anniversary of her baptism

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, this pandemic upends our world and breaks communities  
    by your power and by your compassion  
    show us new ways of being for each other  
    guide us in building a new society for the good of all

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, confident in your love, we commend all for whom we pray, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

### ***Lord's Prayer***

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.**

### ***Offering***

#### ***Offering Prayer***

God of love, you bless us abundantly and constantly. Thank you for all the gifts you provide, all that we need for life, all the people who enrich our life. Move us to be blessing to others as you have so blessed us. **Amen.**

#### ***Blessing and Sending***

We welcome your comments on this worship service. Please go to the church website [www.lakenokomischurch.org](http://www.lakenokomischurch.org) and click the link "Let Us Hear from You".

And now, the God of peace sanctify you and keep you sound and blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### ***Postlude***