



THE POET'S CALLING



Lake Nokomis
Lutheran Church
Enough for everyone

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PEACEMAKERS

Prophets, Painters & Poets

SPRING SERMON SERIES



WELCOME TO LAKE NOKOMIS LUTHERAN CHURCH

We gather in faith that there is Enough for Everyone. In worship and community, we seek to grow in love for God and for our neighbor. We trust that we are called and transformed to create a world of abundance. This faith community is committed to genuine, inclusive welcome. Our siblings of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are welcomed and embraced here. And we continue our commitment to work for racial equity, firmly grounded in the belief that everyone is a beloved child of God. Visit lakenokomischurch.org to learn more.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge that Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church is located on the ancestral land of the Dakota people. You can read the full Land Acknowledgment statement: www.lakenokomischurch.org/land

BE OUR GUEST

Are you visiting today? We look forward to meeting you. Feel free to introduce yourself to those around you, and fill out the **Welcome slip** towards the last page of the bulletin, and drop it in the offering basket.

LET THE CHILDREN COME

We love the joyful noises that little ones make! Kids of all ages are invited to come up front for storytime. If your child needs a break or a creative outlet, check out the carpeted space in the rear of the Sanctuary, or visit the Kids' Corner playroom near the Small Sanctuary.



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We create art of all kinds of reasons, beauty, meaning making, protest, storytelling. Who are the prophets, preachers, poets, painters who were so compelled to make something to share in the world?

PREACHING TODAY



PASTOR SARA SPOHR

Senior Pastor

Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church

READER

Jerry Winzig

USHERS

Ginny Rudloff

COMMUNION

Bonnie Lindstrom, Leah Buck

ALTAR GUILD

Jane Wheeler

LEADING MUSIC

Becky Sun, Kathryn Selin



PRELUDE

Carpe Diem (from *Dead Poets Society*)
by Maurice Jarre

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Our Calling is Clear
Tune: Let All Things Now Living

Come raise a new song in the day that is dawning.
Let hearts all be cheerful and spirits unite.
As sun rays come streaming, as field swell with greening,
as dewdrops lie gleaming, come taste true delight.
We form one great chorus with flowers and with forests,
behind us before us: one song and one voice.
One love we are sharing, one joy and one caring,
one spirit that's daring to sing and rejoice.

This world we have plundered, so much we have squandered
that lately we've wondered if life can endure.
God's will is revealed now: in each failing field now,
this earth must be healed now, our calling is clear.
It's time we awake for our grandchildren's sake.
For the earth's not our making nor ours to deface.
Empower us in duty, restoring the beauty that we may
renew what we once have disgraced.

Our lives seem so distant from God's healing vision,
we've so much to risk and we've so much to lose.
We join now together and help one another to
daily uncover the path we must choose.
With love as our guide and with friends at our side
and with clearness of mind may we care for the earth
'til in good relation with all of creation we
find our true station and find our rebirth.

Text: Bret Hesla
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Gentle and patient
God, you are calling.

Careful and persistent
God, you are calling.

In grieving and in praise
God, you are calling.

Through dawn and midday
God, you are calling.

Unexpected and planned
God, you are calling.

In a still small voice and in power
God, you are calling.

Spontaneous and prepared
God, you are calling.

Willing or protected
God, you are calling.

Our God is eager to share with us,
wherever we are in our journey.
May we be diligent to listen.
God, you are calling.

*~ written by Joanie Thurman Williams, and posted on **Consider Your Call**.*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, **Open our eyes and our ears that wherever we go, we may hear your voice calling us by name; calling us to serve, calling us to share, calling us to praise, so that we never give up on the promise of your kingdom, where the world is transformed, and all can enjoy life in all its fullness. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Spirit of the Living God

You are invited to be seated, sing through this song once, enjoy the mural presentation, and sing the song once more.

Musical score for the song "Spirit of the Living God" in 4/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff starts at measure 1 and ends at measure 6. The second staff starts at measure 7 and ends at measure 12. The third staff starts at measure 13 and ends at measure 18. The lyrics are: "Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me."

WARD

STORYTIME

Children pre-K through grade 5 leave the sanctuary for Sunday School, music, art, and a story, and go to the Education Center. Children will return before Holy Communion.

READING

Isaiah 6:1-8, NRSV

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Sara Spohr

SONG OF THE DAY

Great God, Whose Story

Great God, whose stor - ry age__ to age. Is sung by proph - et, po - et, sage.
In depths of earth you wove each frame and called each pre - cious one by name;
By song, by sign, by word, by meal your lov - ing pres - ence is__ re - vealed;

9

Cre - a - tion's web spun with your hands and cast - ing in - to myr - i - ad strands,
Now in your ho - ly courts we view how all your works are joined in you.
Oh, may our sto - ries join__ as one, Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Spi - rit, One,

17

Tells out your love in time and space, a sto - ried tap - es - try of grace.
A three - fold cord, not light un - done: Self, Neigh - bor, God, en - twined in one.
that we may weave through end - less days a stor - ried tap - es - try of grace.

MEAL



OFFERING

Your gifts make a difference. Thank you for supporting our shared ministry and outreach. Scan the QR code to take advantage of our Simply Giving mobile option. You'll also find baskets in the rear of the Sanctuary for offerings and prayer cards.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Both Sides Now

by Joni Mitchell

Rows and flocs of angel hair
And ice cream castles in the air
And feather canyons everywhere
I've looked at clouds that way

But now they only block the sun
They rain and snow on everyone
So many things I would have done
But clouds got in my way

I've looked at clouds from both sides now
From up and down, and still somehow
It's cloud illusions I recall
I really don't know clouds at all

Moons and Junes and Ferris wheels
The dizzy dancing way you feel
As every fairy tale comes real
I've looked at love that way

But now it's just another show
You leave 'em laughing when you go
And if you care, don't let them know
Don't give yourself away
I've looked at love from both sides now
From give and take, and still somehow
It's love's illusions I recall
I really don't know love at all

Tears and fears and feeling proud
To say "I love you" right out loud
Dreams and schemes and circus crowds
I've looked at life that way

But now old friends are acting strange
They shake their heads, they say I've changed
Well something's lost, but something's gained
In living every day

I've looked at life from both sides now
From win and lose and still somehow
It's life's illusions I recall
I really don't know life at all

I've looked at life from both sides now
From up and down and still somehow
It's life's illusions I recall
I really don't know life at all

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer using these printed words, or the words of your heart's choosing.

Our Father/Mother/Parent 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.

COMMUNION SONGS

The Open Table
by Mark A. Miller



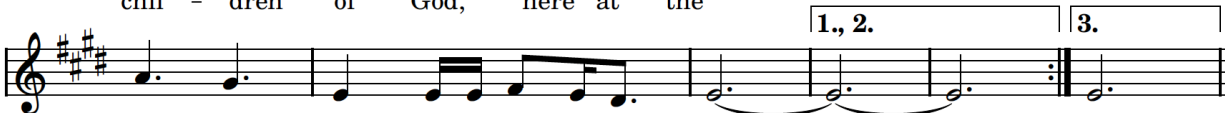
1. Come, oh come, come to the ta - ble. _____
2. Cir - cle round, let's join to - geth - er. _____
3. God is love; love is cre - at - ing. _____



Gath - er 'round, come with - out fear. _____
Share your joys and bring your tears. _____
some - thing new, right here, right now. _____ We're

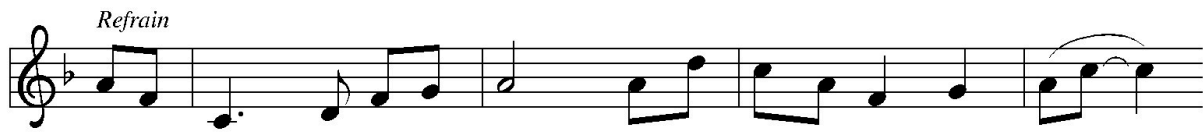


Known by _____ name, here at the
Strength and _____ hope found at the ta - ble, _____ this ta - ble. _____
chil - dren of God, here at the




Wel - come here to the ta - ble of love. _____ love.

Refrain




I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
 Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

BLESSING

The peace of God which is beyond all our human understanding, be upon you,
 The peace of Christ which breaks down barriers, be within you, and
 The peace of the Holy Spirit which creates true belonging, be among you.

**We go in peace to love and serve God,
 In the way of Christ. Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Lead with love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Für Elise Swings

by Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Becky Sun

LAKE NOKOMIS LUTHERAN FOUNDATION

The Foundation provides educational grants to Lake Nokomis Lutheran members as well as funding for staff development, equipment purchases, and other one-time funding needs.

Educational grants are available to post-secondary college/university students who are actively involved, confirmed members of Lake Nokomis Lutheran. Educational awards are capped at \$1,000 per applicant per year. An educational grant applicant can apply for a maximum of four grants. Grants for staff development and other needs are awarded based on funds availability.

To apply by **June 15** for an educational grant, please complete the *Lake Nokomis Lutheran Foundation Educational Grant Application* on our website:

lakenokomischurch.org/foundation.



JOE DAVIS IS COMING TO LAKE NOKOMIS MAY 5!

Joe Davis is an award-winning spoken word artist and bestselling author who uses poetry to power possibility. Joe is a student and practitioner of Radical Joy, a deep-rooted wellspring of well-being that he cultivates in community through writing, music, theater, and dance. Based in Minneapolis, he tours internationally to join schools, faith spaces, and nonprofits to practice visioning and embodying a world of collective liberation and human flourishing. To learn more, visit JoeDavisPoetry.com.

Be with us for an intergenerational **Faith and Life Conversation** at 9:30 and will be leading worship at 10:45.

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We have received a few pictures from folx who have gone out and looked at the murals listed in week one of our sermon series. You can find these destinations by going to lakenokomischurch.org/murals. More maps to come.



BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE, BEAUTIFUL ART

The folx at **Nokomis Square** got in on the mural action by putting some color in our PEACEMAKERS coloring sheets, which will be available again this coming Sunday!



MURAL MEET UP

Saturday May 11 at noon, meet at **Longfellow Park**. Bring your own lunch, we'll look at a few murals and walk to Minnehaha Scoop for ice cream. There are a number of great murals nearby, let's explore together!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY

COMING UP!

Below are some pretty important events coming up that you will not want to miss.

Sunday, May 5

Spoken Word Artist, Joe Davis, leads us in worship

Sunday, May 12

Fundraiser for Summer Camp following worship

Wednesday, May 15

Final night of Confirmation/Party!

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost/Blessing of Graduates

Questions? Please contact Pastor Arthur Murray: amurray@lakenokomis.org

MORE AT
lakenokomischurch.org/cyf



Sunday School will be finishing their work on a beautiful tapestry this coming Sunday. Thank you to Ruth for leading this project!



EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22!

Buff Grace from MN Interfaith Power and Light last week helped us understand that we are partners with God; as God's children, we are asked to serve as God's gardeners of the Earth; that with God, anything is possible; and that we are members of the Earth family. As such, "what the earth will be is in our hands". Here's four things you can do to help this planet:

- Educate ourselves and our community about ways we can transition to reduce our carbon footprint with the guidance of expert navigators
- Advocate for legislation to advance climate justice.
- Support MNIPL financially, individually, collectively, communally; and more!
- Be responsible in your own homes by placing refuse in proper receptacles like recycling or compostable containers.

JUSTICE & MERCY

JUSTICE AND MERCY TEAM

Great work is being done by the Justice and Mercy team in all areas of social justice. Perhaps you have an interest, passion, and love towards these efforts and want to be a part of it. Then please come to the next meeting, **Tuesday, April 23 at 6 pm**. Need more information? Contact justice@lakenokomis.org.



We are glad you're here!

We want to get a chance to know you. Please fill this sheet out and place it in the offering basket. Introduce yourself to those around you. Stay for fellowship afterwards!

Date: ___/___/___

Name(s): _____

Best Email Address: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

How did you hear about Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church?

(please check all that apply)

- I am:
- new here
 - visiting again
 - here with friends and family
 - active in another church
 - looking for a church home

- I would:
- like to receive the weekly newsletter
 - like to connect by phone
 - like to connect by email

Find out more about Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church by going to www.lakenokomischurch.org

PRAYER & CARE



April is **Autism Awareness Month**, **Alcohol Awareness Month**, and **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**. We pray for all people who are affected by each of these areas in our community, in our city, and in our world.

- Prayers for Pastor Arthur as he travels to Liberia this next week.
- For justice and peace among nations where war and violence rage, especially Palestine and Israel, Iran, Myanmar, Iraq, Haiti, Russia and Ukraine, and South Sudan...
- For people in Central and South America affected by the dengue fever outbreak...
- For farmers and farm laborers as spring arrives...
- For peaceful and fair elections in India beginning this week...
- For corals that will die and ecosystems that will suffer as ocean temperatures rise...
- For communities grieving gun violence, especially New Orleans, Louisiana; Salisbury, North Carolina; and Chicago, Illinois...
- For areas of the nation experiencing storms and severe weather...
- For safety, understanding, and earnest dialogue amidst protests in Illinois, California, New York, and Oregon...



Fighting food insecurity in our Minneapolis neighborhood!

Throughout the month of **April**, the **Minnehaha Food Shelf** is requesting Shampoo & Conditioner. You can place these items at the foot of the tree. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

What do you need prayers for? Reach out to the prayer team with your requests, or to join your prayers with others on the team, please email prayer@lakenokomis.org



Prayer for the People



If you have a prayer request, write it below and place it in the offering basket. Please let us know how you would like to share it.

- Read aloud today in worship
- Share with pastor only
- Share with prayer chain

Name & Contact Info: _____