Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church
Enough for everyone

October 18, 2026

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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.

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RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Community Time

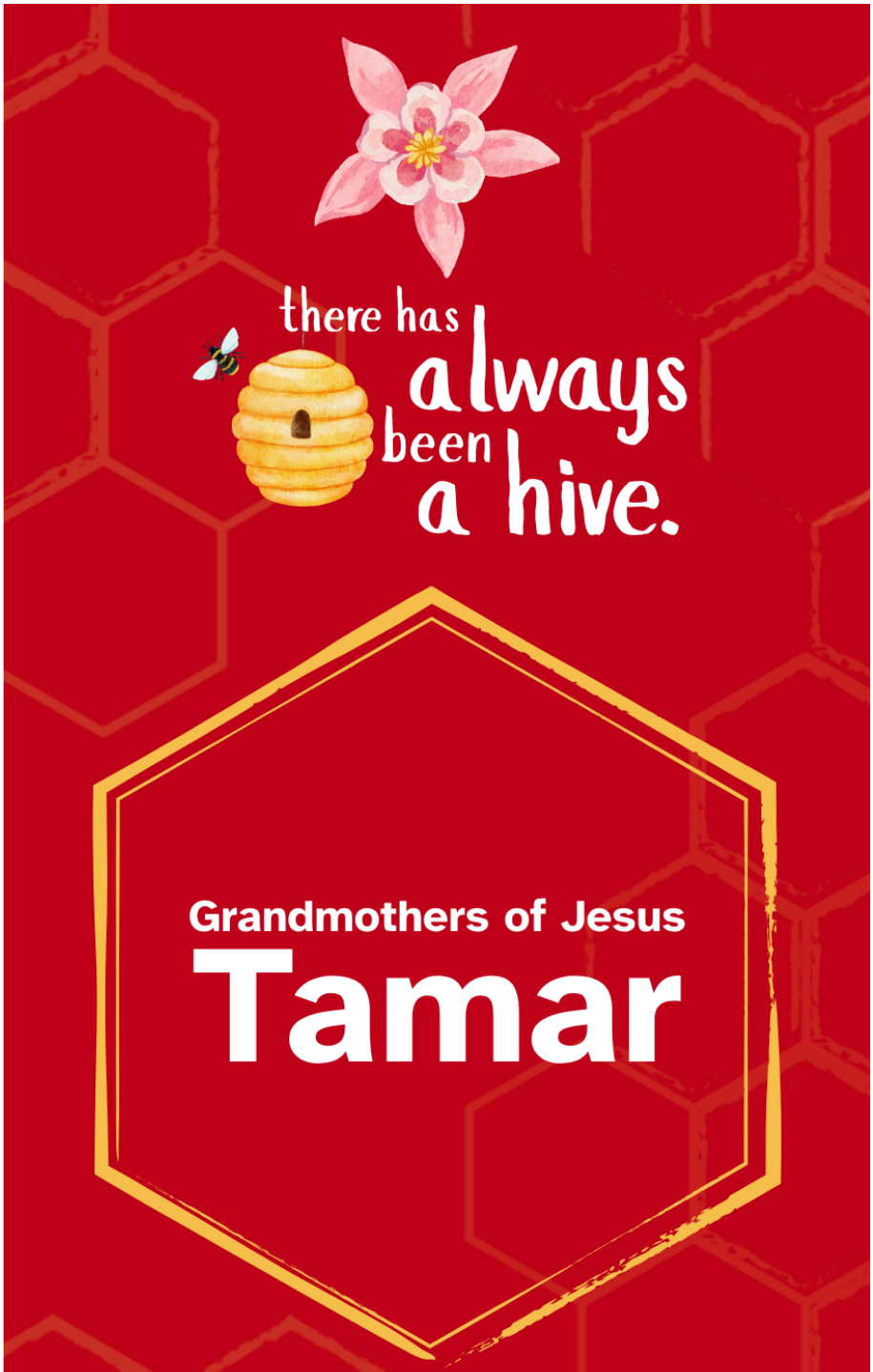
Enjoy a treat and conversation after worship today in The Commons.

Children in Worship

If a break is needed, parents and children can use the **Kids' Corner** by the restrooms across from the elevator. The worship livestream is available there.

Need Hearing Assistance?

Download the Listen EVERYWHERE app for listening assistance. Let the tech team know if you need help. This worship service is being recorded via YouTube livestream.



GATHER

Prelude

Four Women
Nina Simone

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The family record of Jesus the Messiah begins with a long list of names. *(Matthew 1:1-11)*
Among them are four women.
The story of Jesus cannot be told without these ancestors.

Tamar, who would not be forgotten, is Jesus' grandmother.
God with us, even in the long wait.

Rahab, who welcomed strangers and trusted God, is Jesus' grandmother.
God with us, even among outsiders.

Ruth, who stayed when she could have gone, is Jesus' grandmother.
God with us, even in loss and loyalty.

The wife of Uriah, who was wronged and grieved, is Jesus' grandmother.
God with us, even in sorrow and hurt.

Their lives were not tidy, and the story of salvation still ran through them. Jesus did not come from a spotless family tree. He came from our kind of family, full of faith and failure, courage and grace.
Jesus, born of these women, is Emmanuel, God with us.

So we come, with all that we are and all that we carry.
God is with us. Let us worship!

Gathering Song

For Everyone Born

Shirley Erena Murray and Brian Mann
arr. Tom Trenney

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

Holy Love, **your presence is our sanctuary. We gather at your invitation to be in community with you and one another. Enliven our hearts. Nourish our spirits. Encourage our souls. Expand our minds. We seek truth and righteousness. We thirst to give and receive compassion and grace. Let us feast on your word, release our concerns in prayer, and offer our praise in thanksgiving. Be glorified among us, O God, our Redeemer, Host, and Friend. Amen.**

WORD

Storytime

Children of all ages are invited to come forward. After Storytime, children through 5th grade will leave for Sunday School and return in time for communion. Youth and parents of the youngest kids are welcome to join as helpers.

Reading

Genesis 38:11-26a, CEV

Judah did not want the same thing to happen to his son Shelah, and he told Tamar, “Go home to your father and live there as a widow until my son Shelah is grown.” So Tamar went to live with her father.

12 Some years later Judah's wife died, and he mourned for her. He then went with his friend
Hirah to the town of Timnah, where his sheep were being sheared. 13 Tamar found out that her
father-in-law Judah was going to Timnah to shear his sheep. 14 She also realized that Shelah
was now a grown man, but she had not been allowed to marry him. So she decided to dress in
something other than her widow's clothes and to cover her face with a veil. After this, she sat
outside the town of Enaim on the road to Timnah.

15 When Judah came along, he did not recognize her because of the veil. He thought she was a
prostitute 16 and asked her to sleep with him. She asked, “What will you give me if I do?”

17 “One of my young goats,” he answered.

“What will you give me to keep until you send the goat?” she asked.

18 “What do you want?” he asked in return.

“The ring on that cord around your neck,” was her reply. “I also want the special walking stick[c]
you have with you.” He gave them to her, they slept together, and she became pregnant.

19 After returning home, Tamar took off the veil and dressed in her widow's clothes again.

20 Judah asked his friend Hirah take a goat to the woman, so he could get back the ring and
walking stick, but she wasn't there. 21 Hirah asked the people of Enaim, “Where is the prostitute
who sat along the road outside your town?”

“There's never been one here,” they answered.

[22] Hirah went back and told Judah, “I couldn't find the woman, and the people of Enaim said no prostitute had ever been there.”

[23] “If you couldn't find her, we'll just let her keep the things I gave her,” Judah answered. “And we'd better forget about the goat, or else we'll look like fools.”

[24] About three months later someone told Judah, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar has behaved like a prostitute, and now she's pregnant!”

“Drag her out of town and burn her to death!” Judah shouted.

[25] As Tamar was being dragged off, she sent someone to tell her father-in-law, “The man who gave me this ring, this cord, and this walking stick is the one who got me pregnant.”

[26] “Those are mine!” Judah admitted. “She's a better person than I am.”

Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Sara Spohr

Song of the Day

Spirit, Open My Heart

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953
Text © 1996 Pilgrim Press. All rights reserved.
Music © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

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 (Vanco)* mobile option or *Venmo*. You'll also find baskets in the rear of the Sanctuary for offerings and prayer cards.

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Musical Offering

I am Not Forgotten

By Chris Shelton

Laurie Botes Zaepfel, soloist / Becky Sun, pianist

I am not forgotten
God sees deep within my heart
Though this world may overlook me,
God has loved me from the start.

You are not forgotten.
God sees more than meets the eye.
When this world has turned against you.
God, with grace, is standing by.

We are not forgotten,
Yet, how often we lose sight;
We forget that God has made us -
One and all, we bear God's light

No one is forgotten,
Least of all the meek and poor.
To those turned away, unwanted,
God holds wide an open door.

None shall be forgotten.
Let our sight be clear of lies.
Let us help our world remember
Till we see through heaven's eyes.

Prayers of the People

You are invited to share your prayers using the form on the back of this bulletin. Please tear off and place in an offering basket.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Jesus

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.

Invitation to Communion

Everyone is invited to receive the gift of Holy Communion, offered every Sunday. Children are welcome to commune or come forward for a blessing. An usher will direct you to the front. Let them know if you'd like to be served from where you're seated.

Communion Distribution

Communion is served by intinction: receive the bread in your hand and then dip it in wine or juice. The bread is gluten-free and made with eggs, olive oil, honey, molasses, Bob's Red Mill gluten-free Wonderful bread mix, Bob's Red Mill gluten-free baking soda, and water. Both wine and grape juice are available. Pre-packaged individual cups are also available (gluten-free wafer and juice).

Communion Song

Here is Bread for the Hungry Soul

from Singing in Community

Text: Mary Kay Beall / Music: John Carter

Communion Song

Thy Holy Wings

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune
Text © 1983 Gracia Grindal, admin. Selah Publishing Co., Inc., agent.

Communion Blessing

SEND

Blessing and Dismissal

Go, in the strength of your ancestors
the persistence of Tamar,
the welcome of Rahab,
the loyalty of Ruth,
and the hope of the wife of Uriah.

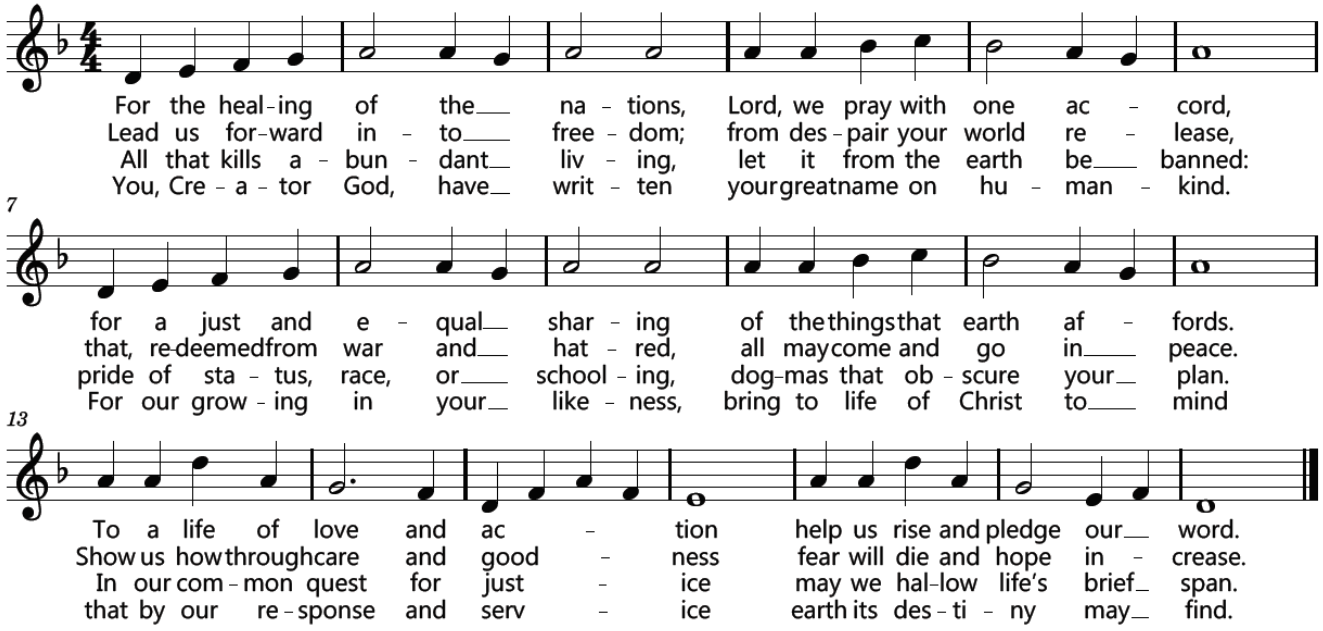
Through generations of faith, perseverance, and hope, the story of God's love is told again today. The child born through these women is Emmanuel, God with us, and Jesus' promise is this, "I will be with you always, even to the end of the age."

Go in peace. The God who was with them is also with you.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sending Song

For the Healing of the Nations

TUNE: PICARDY (Let All Mortal Flesh Be Silent)



Postlude

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

African American spiritual

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Becky Sun
Laurie Botes Zaepfel

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Lake Nokomis Lutheran is a New Branches partner, one of three unique worshiping communities under one roof. For more information about New Branches or to reserve spaces for an event, go to **newbranchesmn.org**.

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church is located on the ancestral land of the Dakota people.

Online Worship

You can still worship at Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church no matter where you are. Livesteam available on **YouTube** at 10:45 am and throughout the week. Go to lakenokomischurch.org and click on the tab on the home page.

Volunteer Opportunities

Get involved at Lake Nokomis Lutheran. There are several ways to do that. Scan the QR code to find out.

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Online Newsletter

Lake Nokomis Lutheran publishes an E-Newsletter every week. In it, you will find articles and stories about this community of faith as well as upcoming events to participate in. If you would like to receive the online newsletter, email **info@lakenokomis.org**.

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Welcome

Let's Connect!

Please fill this form out and place it in an offering basket. Introduce yourself to those around you. Stay for fellowship afterwards!

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Date: ___/___/___

Name(s): _____

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Best Email Address: _____

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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 lakenokomischurch.org

You're invited to help shape the next chapter of Lake Nokomis Lutheran through **one-hour** Listening Sessions beginning **Today, October 18 at 12:15 p.m.** in the lower-level **Family Room**.

Oct. 18
Take justice and mercy to heart
Oct. 25
Invest in children, youth and family
Nov. 1
Develop meaningful relationships
Nov. 8
Cultivate and identity of abundance and adaptability
Nov. 15
Enhance and deepen sacred gatherings

Sign up at **lakenokomischurch.org**.

Community Choir

If you are still interested in being a part of the choir, the time is now. Looking for all voice parts, but especially Sopranos, Tenors and Basses. Contact Dennis Wallisch: **dwallisch@lakenokomis.org** with questions, or just come to rehearsals, **Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.** in the Large Sanctuary.

Faith and Life Conversations

Wednesdays - 6 p.m.
Small Sanctuary

Faith and Life Conversations provide an opportunity for adult education and conversation about relevant and timely issues in our community and world.

Oct. 21
"The Spiritual Practice of Not Resenting Reality"
Led by Lindsey Scott

Oct. 28
"Why supportive housing matters."
Led by **Anna Stamborski**, Senior Organizer for Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative.

ValleyScare for High Schoolers

Friday, October 23
Join **Stephan Nushann**, Youth Minister at Lake Nokomis Lutheran, and youth from Nokomis Heights Lutheran, for a fun night at ValleyFair. Contact Stephen at **nushann229896@gmail.com** for more details and to sign up.

Kantorei in Concert

Friday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.
Large Sanctuary
A celebration of Mexico's signature *Day of the Dead* festival.

Happening Soon

This Week

Wednesday Programs

Open Gym	5:15 - 6:30 p.m.
Pizza served	5:45 p.m.
Faith & Life Conversations	6 - 7 p.m.
New Branches Bells	6:15 - 7 p.m.
Confirmation (gr 6-9)	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Kids' Mindfulness (gr K-5)	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Community Choir	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Worship at Nokomis Square

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1:30 p.m.

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for Minnehaha Food Shelf

Thursday, Oct. 22, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
New Branches Hall

Looking Ahead

You can find out more information about these events and any available registrations or sign ups at **lakenokomischurch.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.

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

Name & Contact Info: _____