



Lake Nokomis  
Lutheran Church

**Sunday, October 18, 2020**

Join us for worship at  
***LakeNokomisChurch.org***

## **WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE**

*Pray-lude*

Frank Voltz

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**  
**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**  
**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**  
**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**  
**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.  
Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✚ Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.  
**Amen.**

## GREETING

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

**SONG**      *God Is Here! (st. 1 & 4)*

**ELW 526**

**God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## STORY TIME

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter:

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to

the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

Pastor Sara Spohr

## SONG

**When Our Song Says Peace**

**ELW 709**

**When our song says peace and the world says war,  
 we will sing despite the world.  
 We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
 who breaks the spear and sword  
 and stills the storm of war.**

**When our song says free and the world says bound,  
 we will sing despite the world.  
 We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
 who opens prison doors  
 and sets the captives free.**

**When our song says home and the world says lost,  
 we will sing despite the world.  
 We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
 who brings us home at last,  
 and gives a song to all.**

## OFFERING

*At this time, you are invited to prayerfully offer your gifts, tithes, and commitments to God. We continue to give thanks for the ways that this faith community has responded with financial gifts for the work of the gospel in our city and world. You can give these gifts through the mail or by contacting the office to set up an automatic payment with the program Simply Giving.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Generous God, we give to you what you have first given to us, all that we have and all that we are. May our gifts, our actions, and worship bring honor and glory to you on this day. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of baptism. You have named, claimed, forgiven, and sent each one of us. You have called us your own. You hold us with care and graciousness when we are hurt and when we have failed. We praise you for the great gift of being called your beloved children. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Generous God, ease our fears as we wonder and worry about the future. We long to place our trust only in you, but so often we are swayed to trust in human leadership, in our own resources, in what we can accumulate. Forgive us and guide us as we turn back to you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of justice, you sent Jesus to teach us to live as your hands and feet in this world. Open our eyes and make us attentive to your people in need. Compel us to respond with sacrificial love and generosity. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations, communities, and families with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt, *especially* those who suffer with or support a loved one who suffers with mental illness. Join their voices in a new song of hope, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of your sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We pray the prayer our Lord taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

The Risen Christ has invited us to this table. Whoever you are, however you feel, for whatever reasons you are here, come to the feast. Whatever your condition, whatever questions you have, wherever you are on your spiritual journey: know that our host is the one who has given his life for the world, the one who was raised to new life, and the one who invites us to come to the table! Amen

Take the bread, and as you eat it remember that Jesus promises,  
 "This is my body, given for you."  
 Then take the cup and remember that Jesus' promise again,  
 "This is my blood, shed for you."

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SONG**      *Children of the Heavenly Father*

**ELW 781**

**Children of the heav'nly Father  
 safely in his bosom gather;  
 nestling bird nor star in heaven  
 such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish,  
 in his holy courts they flourish.  
 From all evil things he spares them,  
 in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever  
 from the Lord his children sever;  
 unto them his grace he showeth,  
 and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh,  
 God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
 his the loving purpose solely  
 to preserve them pure and holy.**

**BLESSING**

Go now as those who have found favour in the sight of God.  
 Be imitators of Jesus Christ  
 and an example to all of the life of faith.  
 To the world in which you live, give your love and service,  
 and to God, give all that you are and all that you shall be.

And may the glory of God's goodness be revealed to you;  
 May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in you;  
 And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy.

**Amen**

**DISMISSAL****POSTLUDE**

*Gloria!*

Frank Voltz

**Reminder: October is Mental Illness Awareness Month.** Mental illness affects everyone. As a symbol of our support to all who are experiencing the impact of mental illness we are lighting a special oil lamp throughout the month of October. We are placing this lamp near the altar.

**Worship team** is Pastor Sara Spohr, Jodi Gustafson, and Deacon Erica Larson

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