



Lake Nokomis
Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Join us for worship at
LakeNokomisChurch.org

WELCOME

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE SAINTS

Praise the Lord, all people
let the sound of God's praise be heard!
Great is the power of God!
Creator of the universe,
whose breath gives life,
whose hands create beauty,
whose love brings freedom,
whose glory fills the earth,
to you alone our praise we bring.

Savior of the world,
whose touch gives healing
whose words offer forgiveness
whose suffering brings life
whose death is victory.
Great is God's power!
Praise the Lord, all people
let the sound of praise be heard!

SONG ***Praise and Thanksgiving***

ELW 689

**Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

**Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.**

**Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.**

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, we worship you with humble and grateful hearts. As we worship today keep us mindful of the ways you bless us, challenge us, and send us out to serve our neighbor.
Amen.

STORYTIME

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Sara Spohr

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION***Where Your Treasure Is***
Refrain, all; verses, cantors

Marty Haugen

Refrain

**Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be.
 All that you possess will never set you free.
 Seek the things that last; come learn from me.
 Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.**

What do you gain from all your worry,
 What you should eat or what to wear?
 There is no peace in stress or hurry;
 Do you not know that you are held within God's care? *Refrain*

Look at the ravens high above you;
 They do not work their whole life through,
 And yet God feeds them and protects them
 So how much more will God protect and care for you? *Refrain*

Behold the lilies in their splendor:
 In grace and beauty they are dressed,
 And yet so soon their bloom is faded
 So how much more will those who look to God be blessed? *Refrain*

Do not fear, little flock,
 For God delights to give you the blessed reign of God.
 Give your possessions to the needy;
 Gain a treasure that will not fade. *Refrain*

OFFERING

"Remember this — a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop.
 But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.
 You must each decide in your heart how much to give.
 And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.
 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.'
 And God will generously provide all you need.
 Then you will always have everything you need
 and plenty left over to share with others." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

*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

We walk by faith,
we live by faith,
we give by faith.
God of great gifts,
you have given us so much,
accept these gifts from our hands,
our faithful response to your abundant grace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, you promise us that your mercies are new every morning, today is no exception. You have given us life, breath, and movement. You freely offer to us your mercy and love. We pray with gratitude that you would call us your children.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of hope and healing, we strive to be people of gratitude. We want to be people who communicate and share your love, but all too often we become selfish and filled with hostility toward our neighbors. Forgive us. Turn us back toward you. Give us new eyes to see the way to restoration and true life.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of relationships, we give you thanks for the people in our lives who love us so well we get a glimpse of what your love looks like. As we prepare for this week of Thanksgiving, bless us even as we celebrate at a distance. Surround all who are lonely or isolated with the assurance of your presence. Give guidance to all who travel. Give peace to all who grieve. Give hope to all who long for healing.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of peace, as we enter into a holiday season that will be so very different, give us the strength and assurance we need to do the things that keep ourselves and our neighbors safe. Fill us with patience and love.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you in the same way that we worship and live, in the name of our savior Jesus. 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 *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord*

ELW 875

**Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
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BLESSING

May God give you courage to step out boldly,
to plant small seeds generously, and without fear.

May God fill your heart with gratitude and faith.

May you use your gifts to accomplish more than you could possibly imagine,
so that, through you, through us, God's kingdom might come
and God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

May God, Creator, Savior, Spirit - bless you now and forever.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

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