

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



“May the God of
hope fill you with all
joy and peace in
believing, so that you
may abound in hope
by the power of the
Holy Spirit”
-Romans 15:13

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HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Hope, Minnesota
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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to WORSHIP at Holy Nativity!

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Our Mission & Ministry: "Grounded in Christ's love, Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is a welcoming community dedicated to helping all know God's love through worship, service, and fellowship."

Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am on Facebook "LIVE"
at facebook.com/holynativitynewhope,
and Wednesday worship outdoors in-person at 7:00pm!

Staff Members:

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Lisa Baker, Organist & Communications Coordinator
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Tawn Hanson, Wedding Coordinator
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Childcare Center (hncccc.org)

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*Quote: "Joy is much bigger than happiness. While happiness is often seen as being dependent on external circumstances, joy is not."
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray, and reflect on why we are here.

GATHERING MUSIC

"Meditation"

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: God of all wonders, you have set us humans under the swirling stars and among the wild winds, hoping that—in your love—we will grow deep, sustaining roots.

All: Yet we so easily forget your presence, ignore your love, and disregard our roots.

Leader: For the sake of living hopefully, remind us that your love has no end.

All: We forget to be kind, and to love others as you have loved us.

Leader: For the sake of living joyfully, remind us to care for one another.

All: We forget that you came to serve, and call us to do the same.

Leader: For the sake of living peacefully, remind us to build bridges.

All: We forget our role to be repairers of the breach.

Leader: For the sake of living faithfully, remind us to trust in you.

All: We forget that we are not alone, we have you and one another.

Leader: For the sake of living powerfully, remind us to seek forgiveness.

All: Forgive us, loving God.

Leader: God of wonders, be with us. We rejoice in your forgiveness. Your love is all we need.

All: Amen

WE PRAISE GOD

GATHERING HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
(1-3)

Hymnal #853



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



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KYRIE – “Lord Have Mercy”

Assistant: (sings verses) In peace, in peace...

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Congregation sings refrain:

Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy,
(Refrain)
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Assistant: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all. Let us pray to the Lord... (Refrain repeats)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word. Let us pray to the Lord... (Refrain repeats)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, — O God.

Congregation: (sings ‘Amen’)

A - - - men.

(Congregation sings refrain to begin and after each verse)

Congregation:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Assistant sings verses 1-4:

1. You are God; we praise you. You are lord; we acclaim you. You are God eternal; all creation worships you.

2. All the angels in the heavens chant your praise in endless song: Holy, holy, holy God of power and might.

3. Thee apostles all praise you. All the prophets acclaim you. All the martyrs and your faithful people worship you.

4. God, Creator, we praise you. Jesus the Christ, we adore you. Spirit of the Living God, we worship you.

SALUTATION (Before the Prayer of the Day)

Presider:

Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison) **God of all hopefulness, fill our days with deep, transforming joy. On bright days, be with us while we celebrate life and light and love. And on those darker days, be with us still, O God, while we gather our broken and tired pieces. Whenever you are with us, we know that joy remains. Amen.**

GOD’S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... **Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Psalms 150

¹Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! ²Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! ³Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! ⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! ⁵Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! ⁶Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... **Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL VERSE

“Alleluia”

Red Folder Pg. 15

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
 go? ——— You have the words of e - ter - nal
 life: Al - le - lu - ia! ———

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:39-45

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Luke... Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be^[a] a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord... Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Joy-Full"

Rev. Ashley Updegraff

MOMENT TO REFLECT (*We pause in silence.*)

WE RESPOND

APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal Pg. 105

C: 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.

OFFERING/CHILDREN'S TIME

(You are invited to mail or drop off your offering, or donate online – go to our website at holynativity.net and click on "Make Donation." Thank you!)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(After each prayer petition... P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

LORD'S PRAYER (unison) **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 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**

BENEDICTION

P: Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**



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DISMISSAL

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing!

All: May we abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God!

SENDING MUSIC

“He Is Exalted”

Twila Paris

Flowers by the altar are given by Nancy Anderson: one in memory of her brother, John Edward Stovall and one in honor of her mother Nancy Cramer's 89th birthday (7/20).

WEEKLY INFORMATION

<i>Sunday, July 19 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30am Worship (Online) 12:00pm Word of Life Worship 6:00pm Word of Life Youth	<i>Thursday, July 23</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 7:00pm Word of Life Worship
<i>Monday, July 20</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 3:00pm Curbside Coffee with Pastor Ashley 4:30pm Curbside Coffee with Pastor Ashley 6:00pm – 7:00pm Centering Prayer (on Zoom)	<i>Friday, July 24</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm
<i>Tuesday, July 21</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 2:30pm Staff Zoom Meeting	<i>Saturday, July 25</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 22</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 11:15am HNCCCC Chapel 7:00pm Outdoor Worship	<i>Sunday, July 26 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30am Worship (Online) 12:00pm Word of Life worship 6:00pm Word of Life Youth
PRISM is accepting food donations Monday to Thursday, 9-3. Items in short supply are ramen noodles, pasta, pancake mix and breakfast cereal. July's Mission Offering is designated to the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.	

HOLY NATIVITY INFORMATION...

Thank you to Denise Prosek for accompanying worship today!

Worship information: Worship will continue to be on-line on Sundays. You can find us live on Facebook here: https://www.facebook.com/holynativitynewhope/live_videos/. In addition, we are offering a Wednesday night in-person outdoor service on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. For outdoor Wednesday night worship, we are on the parking lot side of the building near the patio. We ask that you bring your own lawn chairs, and bring and wear a mask. Families will be asked to sit 6 feet away from other families.

Phone-in option for hearing our worship services! Anyone can listen to a recording of our most recent worship service on their phone, for free! Here's our unique toll-free number: 1 (855) 341 – 0527. Here's how it works: When you call, you will be able to hear the prior Sunday's service. This updates every Sunday at noon. So on Sundays, call after NOON and the service from earlier that morning will be available to hear.

Camp Wapo online camp continues! If your child(ren) are signed up for Camp Wapo this summer, be sure to join the Facebook group, "[Wildfire Wapo Vacation Bible School](#)" for videos, music, activities, and weekly questions for discussion!

Centering Prayer is meeting every Monday from 6:00-7:00pm on Zoom. If you're interested in participating, contact Kari Johnson at karijohnson1@hotmail.com.

Curbside Coffee with Pastor Ashley! Join Pastor Ashley in groups of 10 for outdoor coffee and conversation! We will practice safe social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet apart, and not gathering in groups larger than 10. Bring your own chair and coffee! This is one way to begin in-person connection, and is completely optional. If you are in a high-risk category (over 65 and/or with a pre-existing health condition), please make the safest and healthiest decision for you. We still have openings for this Monday, July 20th (3:00pm & 4:30pm). In the event of rain, you will be notified and a new date will be selected. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48afad2ca3f49-curbside>.

Special Music! If you would you be willing to share your music, either by singing or playing an instrument, as a soloist or in a small ensemble, please sign up online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48afad2fa4fb6-summer>. Or you may call the church office and we'll sign up for a date that works for you. Please contact Iver Hubert with questions at ivercrest@gmail.com. Thank you!

Scripture readers needed! If you are able to come in and read the lessons during worship, [please sign up here!](#) We need readers through this summer. Readings will be emailed or mailed to you in advance.

Holy Nativity's 4th Annual Women's Summer Book Study! Women—mark your calendars, and get reading! Tuesday, August 11th from 6:30-8:00pm will be our 2020 book study! We'll be reading *The Book of Longings*, by Sue Monk Kidd. This is a deeply moving, profound fictional account of Jesus' life, from the perspective of his wife. You read that right! It's a fictional exploration of what it would have been like if Jesus had a wife, and it's about the voice of women in a culture hell-bent on writing them out of stories. It's a new release, and is therefore only available in hardback. Amazon is selling them here, for \$17.00. <https://www.amazon.com/Book-Longings-Sue-Monk-Kidd/dp/052542976X>. If you would like to participate and cannot afford the price of this book, please let me know! Funds are available. I'm so excited to share this book with you, and for the conversation it will spark. Please email me, at pastorashley@holynativity.net or call the church office (763-545-1647) to sign up for the book study! I will be in touch as we get closer as to the logistics of the event, but I am hoping it doesn't have to look too different from past years. We can meet outside, in smaller groups if needed, and maintain social distancing. If you are uncomfortable meeting in person, and are instead interested in an on-line version of the conversation, let me know. Perhaps we can do both. I hope to see you there! Happy reading! - Pr. Ashley

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM – In conjunction with the Robbinsdale School District, PRISM has decided to proceed with this program even though at this writing a decision has not yet been announced regarding what returning to school will look like. Regardless, kids need supplies. Along with 7 other congregations, Holy Nativity has agreed to be a secured drop-off location for this year's drive. From NOW until August 10th supplies and good quality backpacks can be dropped off in the narthex. **Supplies** needed include notebooks, loose leaf paper, folders, flash drives, calculators, highlighters, markers, Clorox wipes, Kleenex, and Facemasks. You can purchase from the comfort of your own home by using Linktr.ee/prismmpls which will take you directly to both Amazon and Target online wish lists. This is a very easy way to order needed items and help kids get a good start back to learning. Ship your order to Holy Nativity and it will get included in the drop-off donations. The week of August 10-14th, we will ask for volunteers willing to come in for 2-hour shifts to fill the backpacks, which will then be delivered to PRISM on August 14th. Please contact the office or Pat Harwell if you would be willing to help. The distribution this year will be on Friday, August 21st and 28th via a drive-up model similar to the food distribution. If you or someone you know needs school supplies at no cost, call 763-529-1350.

Thank you for your continued financial support! Now that in-person worship is suspended, technology is a big way we stay connected, and is a big part of how you can support Holy Nativity. Fortunately, there are many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity from home or wherever you are!

1. **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
2. **Give online via our link.** (There are small fees – you can choose to pay them or Holy Nativity pays them)
3. **Sign up for Simply Giving** for amounts to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account. (There are no fees)

Today's cantor: Greg Eklund
Today's scripture reader: Nancy Anderson

People & needs to keep in your prayers this week:
Ruth Berquist, Jeanette Lund, Verne Erickson, Deb Campion
If you have a prayer request or update, or wish to be added to our prayer group,
please contact the church office at 763-545-1647 or office@holynativity.net.