

# Outdoor Worship

Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm



Welcome to WORSHIP at Holy Nativity!



**HOLY NATIVITY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Helping All Know God's Love*

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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](https://facebook.com/holynativitynewhope),  
and Wednesday worship outdoors in-person at 7:00pm!

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## Holy Nativity Outdoor Worship – Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

*Welcome! When you arrive, you are invited to take an individual communion wafer and juice set, and a printed bulletin (if not viewing it on your mobile device).*

*You are welcome to use your own lawn chairs or use a chair provided.  
Masks are recommended except while seated during worship.  
Please keep 6 feet away from other family units.*

*Offering may be placed in the offering plates as you arrive or depart. Thank you!*

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen**

### RESPONSIVE DIALOGUE

P: God is our light and our salvation,

**C: our refuge and our stronghold.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: we praise your name, O God.**

P: For with you is the fountain of life,

**C: and in your light we see light.**

**FIRST READING**

Psalm 119:121-128

<sup>121</sup> I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors. <sup>122</sup> Guarantee your servant's well-being; do not let the godless oppress me. <sup>123</sup> My eyes fail from watching for your salvation, and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise. <sup>124</sup> Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes. <sup>125</sup> I am your servant; give me understanding, so that I may know your decrees. <sup>126</sup> It is time for the LORD to act, for your law has been broken. <sup>127</sup> Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold. <sup>128</sup> Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts; I hate every false way.

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

**SECOND READING**

Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33

<sup>1</sup> The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: <sup>2</sup> For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight, <sup>3</sup> for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; <sup>4</sup> to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young— <sup>5</sup> let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill, <sup>6</sup> to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles. <sup>7</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

<sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. <sup>21</sup> At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: <sup>22</sup> "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?" <sup>23</sup> Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.

<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, <sup>25</sup> and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, <sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, <sup>27</sup> when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

<sup>28</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. <sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, <sup>30</sup> would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, <sup>31</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. <sup>32</sup> For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; <sup>33</sup> but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

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

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 4:30-34

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

<sup>30</sup> He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup> he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

## REFLECTION

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(After each prayer petition... P: Let us pray to the Lord, C: Lord, have mercy.*

**THE PEACE** *P: The peace of the Lord be with you always... C: And also with you.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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 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.**

## DISTRIBUTION

*A pastor will come to each household unit and say the words, "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you" as you eat the wafer and drink the juice from your prefilled communion cups.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## 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**

## SENDING MUSIC

Director of Music & Worship: Iver Hubert  
Pianist (prelude and postlude): Ryan Holt  
Council Host: Tina Haugstad