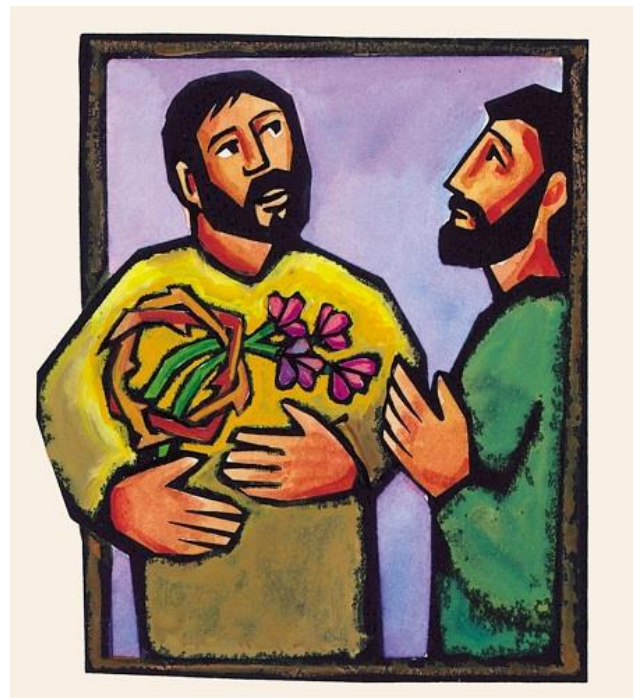


LARGE PRINT

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 16:21 – 28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”



August 30, 2020

9:30 a.m.

HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Hope, Minnesota

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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.”

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Kristen Chamberlain, Sunday School Director

Linda Lien, Congregational Care Coordinator & Funeral
Coordinator

Wendy Grimes, Youth Ministry Associate

Tom Wiblishauser,

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Kara Holt, Financial Coordinator

Amy Laite, Sunday Nursery Coordinator

Tawn Hanson, Wedding Coordinator

Brittany Anderson, Director of Week-Day
Childcare Center (hncccc.org)

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Quote: “Man's religiosity makes him look in his distress to the power of God in the world; he uses God as a deus ex machina. The Bible, however, directs us to the powerlessness and suffering of God; only a suffering God can help.” -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

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

GATHERING MUSIC

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Arr. Larry Shackley

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 (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.

WE PRAISE GOD

GATHERING HYMN

“Let Streams of Living Justice”

Hymnal #710

(verses 1-2)



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;




a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

KYRIE – “Lord Have Mercy”

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


Assistant:

Congregation sings refrain:



Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy,

(Refrain)



Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

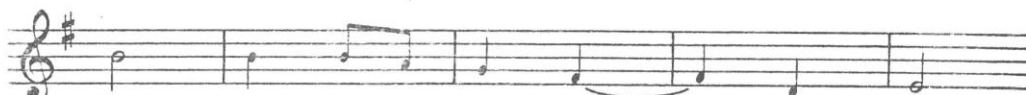


mer - cy.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE*“Glory to God”*

Red Folder Pg. 14

(Congregation sings refrain to begin and after each verse)

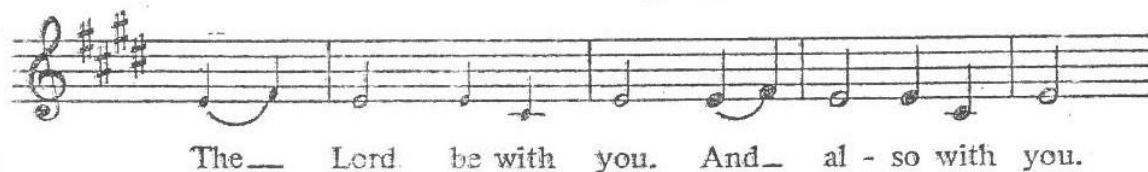
Congregation:



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) **O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

"As the Deer"

Martin Nystrom/arr. Lloyd Larson

Nancy Anderson & Keli Moffatt

*As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship thee.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship thee.*

*You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.
I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joygiver and the apple of my eye.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship thee.*

GOD'S WORD IS READ
AND PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words...

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone

evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Matthew 16:21-28

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew...

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying,

"God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord...

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Blood, Sweat, and Tears"

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Lucas Jacob Olson, son of Jacob & Anna Olson. Sponsors: Amy Rudser, Kyle and Annalisa Rudser, Mike and Alix Olson.

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**

MISSION HYMN

“Let Streams of Living Justice” (verse 3)

Hymnal #710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

“Lift High the Cross”

Nicholson/arr. Shackley

WEEKLY INFORMATION

<p><i>Sunday, August 30</i> <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30am Worship (Online) 12:00pm Word of Life Worship 6:00pm Word of Life Youth</p>	<p><i>Thursday, September 3</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 7:00pm Word of Life Worship</p>
<p><i>Monday, August 31</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm Centering Prayer (on Zoom)</p>	<p><i>Friday, September 4</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm 7:00pm Word of Life Choir</p>
<p><i>Tuesday, September 1</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 2:30pm Staff Meeting (on Zoom) 7:00pm Treble Tones Sing-Along (parking lot)</p>	<p><i>Saturday, September 5</i></p>
<p><i>Wednesday, September 2</i> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 11:15am HNCCCC Chapel 7:00pm Outdoor Worship</p>	<p><i>Sunday, September 6</i> <i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30am Worship (Online) 12:00pm Word of Life worship 6:00pm Word of Life Youth</p>
<p>PRISM is accepting food donations Monday to Thursday, 9-3. Items in short supply are ramen noodles, pasta, pancake mix and breakfast cereal. Also see school supplies drive information below! August’s Mission Offering is designated to Global Health Ministries.</p>	

THIS WEEK...

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.

MORE INFORMATION...

Volunteers needed at The Food Group in New Hope! They are seeking volunteers for one-time shifts at various times during the week. Sign up individually or in groups up to 14. Social distancing and safety measures are in place. The minimum volunteer age is 16. Sign-up through the following website:

<https://thefoodgroupmn.volunteerhub.com/events/index>.

Renewal weekend is coming up on Friday, September 11th through Sunday, September 13th! We'll kick it off with an outdoor movie on Friday night at 8:00pm, then a social-distance-friendly fair on Saturday, September 12th from 10:00am - Noon, and Renewal worship online Sunday, September 13th! The Renewal Fair is outdoors and there will be many freebies, plus games, photo opps, ice cream, and Holy Nativity masks for sale (youth fundraiser)! Sunday will also be a rain date if the Friday or Saturday events are rained out. Masks and social distancing for the in-person events will be required for everyone's safety! We look forward to this time of new beginnings, freshness, restoration, enthusiasm and getting back together!

Holy Nativity face masks are here! Order [online](#) via this link, or shop in person before and after worship on Wednesday nights. Masks are \$12 and all proceeds benefit the youth of Holy Nativity. Any questions, contact Wendy at 763-639-3735 or wendy.grimes@yahoo.com.



Blessing of Devices! Instead of our usual blessing of the backpacks, we will be doing a Blessing of Devices during worship on Renewal Sunday, September 13th. Students and parents and everyone are encouraged to have their devices—computers, iPads, phones, etc—easily accessible during the live-stream of worship. We will take time to acknowledge these tools that make our lives possible during this pandemic, and bless the people using them!

Sunday School begins on September 13th. To begin, will be offering virtual programming. Families – [register your kids online here!](#)

Interested in bell choir? Bell choir allows you to make music with others while also wearing a mask and social distancing. You only need to be able to count, remember two notes and physically ring the bells. No prior training or experience required. Contact Iver at ivercrest@gmail.com by September 11th!

HOLY NATIVITY WORSHIP INFORMATION...

Thank you for your continued financial support! During this time of online and outdoor worship, there are still many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity!

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. **Put your offering in the offering plate** at our Wednesday night outdoor worship services.
3. **Give online** via [our link](#). (Or just go to our website at holynativity.net and click on “Make Donation.”)
4. **Ask the office to send you a Simply Giving form** for automatic withdrawals.

Today's cantor: Nora Levenson
Today's scripture reader: Nancy Anderson

People & needs to keep in your prayers this week:
Geri Lingen, Grace Folkerds, family of Paul Skoglund
Baptized today: Lucas Jacob Olson

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.