

# Outdoor Worship

Wednesday, August 5<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, August 5<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 17:1-7, 15

<sup>1</sup> Hear me, LORD, my plea is just; listen to my cry. Hear my prayer— it does not rise from deceitful lips. <sup>2</sup> Let my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right. <sup>3</sup> Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me, you will find that I have planned no evil; my mouth has not transgressed. <sup>4</sup> Though people tried to bribe me, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent through what your lips have commanded. <sup>5</sup> My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not stumbled. <sup>6</sup> I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. <sup>7</sup> Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. <sup>15</sup> As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

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

## SECOND READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:32-39

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

<sup>32</sup> Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way." <sup>33</sup> The disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus asked them, "How many loaves have you?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." <sup>35</sup> Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, <sup>36</sup> he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>37</sup> And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. <sup>38</sup> Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children. <sup>39</sup> After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

*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): Lisa Baker  
Council Host: Deb Peterson