

NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH

8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021

SCATTERED

PRELUDE

Three settings of *OLD HUNDREDTH*

Paul Manz
Johann Gottfried Walther
Johann Pachelbel

WORDS OF WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Longing to catch a breath, unburden ourselves through honesty, and to be restored to God, ourselves, and our world... we join in the regular practice of confession:

God help us find our confession;

The truth within us which is hidden from our mind;

The beauty or the ugliness we see elsewhere, but never in ourselves;

The stowaways which have been smuggled into the dark side of our hearts,
Which put our hearts off balance and cause us pain, Which weary and confuse us,

Which tip us in false directions and incline us to destruction,

The load which is not carried squarely, because it is carried in ignorance.

God help us to find our confession;

Help us across the boundary of our understanding.

Lead us into the darkness that we may find what lies concealed;

That we may confess it towards the light;

That we may carry our truth in the center of our heart;

That we may carry our cross wisely, and bring harmony into our life and our world. Amen.

(Michael Leunig, from The Prayer Tree)

In the name of the Good Shepherd, Christ crucified and resurrected, you are forgiven, and you are freed.
Live as the beloved children of God you are!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

No. 654

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate Shepherd, your eye is on the sparrow and it watches over us, too. But, we grow tired and weary. We confuse the endless list of “must do’s” with the things worth living for. Teach us your patient rhythms of health and faithfulness. And call our attention to the most simple and necessary of things, so that we might tenderly care for our lives, and those of others, with the same love that you do. To God, our Healer, be the glory. Amen.

READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

PSALM 23

The Lord| is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name’s sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

SERMON

“Give It a Rest”

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

HYMN OF THE DAY 332

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

WELCOMING STATEMENT

We affirm that all people are created in the image of God, and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God’s love and grace. We welcome all people into full participation in the life and ministries of Normandale Lutheran Church.

We celebrate that there are differences among us, and believe that we can love one another, even though we may not think alike. We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church and society.

Normandale Lutheran Church is committed to a ministry of reconciliation. We welcome and affirm our human family’s diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, socioeconomic status, physical and mental ability. We embrace this diversity as a gift from God and invite all into a faithful journey toward greater love, understanding, and reconciliation.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Romance from the 2nd Concerto

Henryk Wieniawski

SENDING HYMN

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

No. 789

HOLY COMMUNION

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Broken open in your suffering love, we humbly receive your grace, eating and drinking to remember you. In the body and blood of your Son, and in the healing presence of one another, we come before you and recall this story...

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me.” Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to all of them to drink, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”

Oh God, stay near to us, as you send us out into the world to be your witnesses, empowering us with the words your Son taught to us...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G

J. S. Bach

NLC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE/DONUT FELLOWSHIP TODAY! | 10:30 am

Join us for outdoor coffee, donuts and fellowship after worship today and throughout the summer!

CYF MINI-AUCTION FUNDRAISER - EXTENDED! TODAY! | 9:00-11:00 am

Last Chance to bid on remaining items from the Mini-Auction CYF Fundraiser! NLC member Dave Linne's carvings and local artist prints will also be available for purchase. Don't miss this opportunity to support NLC Youth summer programs!

WED OUTDOOR WORSHIP

July 21 | 6:30 pm | SW Parking Lot

Join us for outdoor worship this Wed! Meet in the SW parking lot, near the playground and bring your own chair if it works for you. Stay for treats and fellowship following worship!

BOOK CLUB TO STUDY RACE

Thursdays | 3:30 pm | Zoom

Interested in joining the ongoing work of this book club to study race? We will spend July listening to/reading podcasts, reports, and YouTube videos. In August, we will read Julia Dinsmore's book, *My Name is Child of God Not Those People*. Questions? Contact Kati Salmon a ksalm-on@normluth.org or 952.977.9355.

OUTDOOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sundays, July 25, Aug 8, 22

9:30 am | SW Parking Lot

Mark your calendars and join us for Sunday worship in the great outdoors! Weather permitting, we will be holding Sunday worship in the outdoor worship space in the southwest parking lot on Sundays, July 25 and August 8 & 22.

CAMP SUPPLIES NEEDED!

We're thrilled that 6 Normandale House kids are attending Camp Vermillion in just a few weeks! Due to family financial strains, though, camping supplies and canteen money are difficult to come by. **Help us make camp more fun for everyone.** Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48abaa2ba5ffc16-camp> to purchase camping supplies or give donations toward canteen money.

READ 'N FEED DRIVE!

July 2021

School is out, and NLC is feeding young minds as well as bodies. Bring your new/gently used **Children/Youth Books** to make summer stimulating for children through **VEAP** foodshelf. OR Purchase and drop off **Snack Items** & bulk **Tea Bags** for VBS & Summer Stretch service projects benefitting **CES youth**. Drop items off in the NLC entryway Mon-Thurs or Sun mornings. See normluth.org/events for more details.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: SPONSOR-A-STUDENT July 15 - August 8

Help purchase school supplies for a student(s) served by SAYFSM (Sub-Saharan African Youth and Family Services) and for children living at Normandale House and Elliot Avenue Housing. Go to normluth.org/events for more info and the link to sign up or stop by our table at fellowship on Sundays and Wednesdays to learn more. Cash donations may also be made: send a check to NLC with memo line "Back-to-School Drive" or go to normluth.org/give and pick the "Back-to-School" fund. Questions? Contact Annika Joy: annikacjoy@gmail.com | 773.803.1242

BOYS' & GIRLS' CHOIR CAMP

Monday, Aug 16 – Tuesday, Aug 17 Luther Park Bible Camp

Last week to register! Children entering grades 3-6 are invited to this fun 2-day camp led by Children's Choir Director, Ruth Oliphant. Singing and rehearsing are mixed in with classic camp activities. **Register online by July 20, 2021.** See Normluth.org/events for more details.



NLC MEN'S OUTING - NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK!

August 31 | 7:10 pm | Target Field
Calling all NLC Men! Join us at Target Field when the Minnesota Twins take on the NL Central's Chicago Cubs. Reserve your spot today! Bring a friend! Go to normluth.org/events for more info and to sign up. We will meet at the game - carpools are encouraged! Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Fred Shepherd at fred@eventarch.com.

OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST FAMILY SEEKING ASYLUM

In collaboration with several local churches, we have the opportunity to assist a family seeking asylum, including turning a house into "home" by supplying **home goods** and **gently-used furniture**. The family will be housed at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church parsonage, expected at the end of September. Visit <https://bit.ly/3h0PCXw> to sign up on the needs list. Questions? Contact Pastor Rebecca at rgamble@normluth.org.

FULL NLC CALENDAR & EVENT LISTING

Keep up with NLC all week! Check out our website for the full NLC calendar and a full listing of all upcoming events at normluth.org/events.

