

* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

Up in the Air Beach Spring

The Ok Factor

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (Stanzas 1-3)

ELW 712

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Glory be to God in Heaven

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Prayer of the Day

O God, may your Word fall into our hearts this day, as water feeds rivers and fields rich with healing; abundant, alive, and true. Entangled in love, turn us to see one another anew. And teach us to trust the power of your mercy, bringing healing to all, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reading Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: "Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50: 7-15

"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear wit- | ness against you; for I am | God, your God.

I do not accuse you because | of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are al- | ways before me.

I will not accept a calf | from your stalls,

nor goats | from your pens;

for all the wild animals of the for- | est are mine, the cattle on a | thousand hills.

I know every bird | of the mountains,

and the creatures of the | fields are mine.

If I were hungry, I | would not tell you,

for the whole world is mine and all | that is in it.

Do you think I eat the | flesh of bulls, or drink the | blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice | of thanksgiving

and make good your vows to | the Most High.

Call upon me in the | day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall | honor me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Lord and Savior

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Gospel Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Blessing For Those Who Feel Anything But Blessed"
Pastor Rebecca Gamble

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 | Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

Missy

The Ok Factor

Noisy Offering | Offertory Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Children are invited to cheerfully bring their "Noisy Offering" forward during the Offertory Response)

Prayers of the People

(Congregational response following each prayer petition) Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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.

Sending Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

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Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Doboz

The Ok Factor

WELCOME TO NORMANDALE



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Normandale Lutheran Church is a community of believers who love, learn, worship, and serve as we walk in relationship with Jesus Christ and others. We hope you find in us a place of welcome, a place of worship, a place for you.

LOOKING TO GET CONNECTED?









SUNDAY AT NORMANDALE

Livestream of Sunday worship is available as a way to participate in the regular worship life of our congregation. Visit normluth.org/livestream to watch from wherever you are.

Hymnals are located in the pew backs. Both the ELW (red) and ACS (purple) hymnals are used in worship.

Hearing Devices are available to enhance your worship experience. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

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NLC Kids

Nursery Care is available every Sunday morning for children between the ages of 6 months and 4 years from 9:20 - 11:20am. The Nursery is located on the first floor and is staffed by licensed preschool teachers. Please use this opportunity for your children to meet some new friends at Normandale!

PrayGround is located at the front of the worship space and is filled with quiet toys and comfy seating for the littlest in our midst and their caregivers.

Busy Bags filled with quiet activities are hanging outside the main entrance of the sanctuary.

Bulletins & Coloring Sheets are located on a table outside of the main sanctuary doors.

Noisy Offering

Children are invited to cheerfully bring their "Noisy Offering" to the front during the Offertory Response.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider: Pastor Rebecca Gamble Liturgist: Pastor Ian McConnell Organist: Gregory Peterson The OK Factor Instrumental: Meahan McCabe Cantor: Kim Pinkham Lector: Greeters: Norm & Judy Teigen Kim Sannerud Team **Ushers:**

We Need You

Help make Sunday happen! Our volunteers make worship possible. Interested in learning more about the ways you can serve or want to sign up? Contact Kim Sannerud at ksannerud@normluth.org or 952.977.9380





Please welcome new-classical crossover duo The OK Factor to worship this morning! Normandale Lutheran Church member and cellist Olivia Dierks and violinist Karla Colahan met as students at Luther College. Having produced five studio albums, they continue to find great joy in performing their own blend of folk-inspired music that has earned them partnerships with MPR and several educational institutions, an Artist Fellowship through the American Scandinavian Foundation, and the honor of being a finalist for a McKnight Fellowship. We're so grateful to have them here with us!