

# Fourth Sunday After *Pentecost*

June 25, 2023 | 9:30am



\* Congregational responses in **bold**

## Gathering Music

*God is Here*  
*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

arr. Austin Lovelace  
arr. Gordon Schuster

## Words of Welcome

## Gathering Hymn

*How Firm a Foundation*

ELW 796

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### *Silence for Reflection*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## 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

God of promise and goodness, teach us to serve you with faithful courage and wholehearted love, come what may! Join us together; our hearts and our lives, laying the groundwork of community and companionship which strengthen and sustain. For we seek your ways and witness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. 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

69:7-18

Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**

I put on sackcloth also,  
and became a byword among them.

**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord:  
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

**Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

**Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia! Lord and Savior*

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**Gospel**

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Meeting Together in a Time of Monsters”

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

**Hymn of the Day**

*God is Here*

ELW 526

**Thanks for Your Generosity | Announcements****Sharing of the Peace****Music at the Offering**

*Blessed Assurance*

arr. Brent Olstad

**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**

*Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

ELW 848

**Camp Vermillion Blessing****Sending**

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Music**

*Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

arr. Alice Jordan

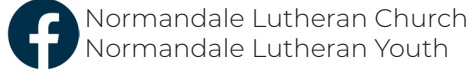
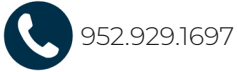
# WELCOME TO NORMANDALE



## 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

**Join us for Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship** in the Fireside Room following worship.

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## NLC Kids

**Nursery** is closed for the summer. See you in the fall!

**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. This offering will help support the Sunday School Ministry.

# WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider:	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Liturgists:	Pastor Ian McConnell
Organist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Cantor:	Jane Anderson
Musicians:	Normandale Flutes
Acolyte:	Liam Henningsen
Lector:	Karen Newcomer
Greeter:	Dave Myhre
Sacristan:	Edel Henningsen
Ushers:	Kim & Bob Sannerud, Mark Brunsvold

## 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?

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