

Seventh Sunday
after
Pentecost

Holy Baptism & Communion

July 16, 2023 | 9:30am



* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

*Canzona
Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

Dieterich Buxtehude
David Dahl

Words of Welcome

Processional Hymn

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ELW 449

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.

Promises of Baptism

Levi Jacob Esser
Son of Jacob and Kara Esser

In mercy and love, God gives new birth to all into a living hope through the promises of baptism. Recognizing our human need, we celebrate God's dependable goodness, infinite new starts, and continued claim on our lives. Today, we especially celebrate that God claims Levi as God's own, takes delight in him, and surrounds him with love.

Jacob and Kara, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Levi baptized into Christ? (*Response: We do*).

As you bring Levi to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, to bring him to Jesus' sacred meal, to place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, nurturing him in faith and grounding him in prayer, so that he will learn to trust God, proclaim Christ, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help him grow in his Christian faith and life? (*Response: We do*).

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Levi in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the promise of baptism and among God's faithful people? (*Response: We do*).

Dear people of God, do you promise to surround Levi with love and grace, and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **Response: We do.**

Apostle's Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

We 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

We 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.

Baptism

Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you claim your children as your own. Sustain Levi with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the awe of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Welcome

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: **Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Together, with our applause, let us welcome our sibling in Christ!

Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65: 9-13

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is | full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;

with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.

You crown the year | with your goodness,

and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,

and the hills be | clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;

let them shout for | joy and sing.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Lord and Savior

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Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel reading according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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Sermon "Love, Even in the Cracks" Pastor Ian McConnell

Hymn of the Day *For the Fruit of All Creation* ELW 679

Thanks for Your Generosity | Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering *Yes, My Jesus Loves Me* Mary McDonald

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" to the front during the Offertory Response)

Holy Communion

Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Words of Institution

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.

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Distribution Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW 471

Communion Blessing

Sending Hymn *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* ELW 543

Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music *We Know That Christ Is Raised* Craig Phillips

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.

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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 and be collected every Sunday.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider:	Pastor Ian McConnell
Liturgists:	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Organist:	Gregory Peterson
Soloist:	Luke Randall
Baptismal Deacon:	Pat Lindstrand
Communion Deacons:	Sue Hendrickson, Pat Lindstrand,
Communion Setup	Jonathan Kuehl & Linda Van Guilder
Crucifer	Gene Diaz
Lector:	Joanna Goldstein
Greeters:	Dave Myhre
Sacristan:	Cindy Nelson
Ushers:	Bob & Kim Sannerud, Brad Dahlman, Jan Hahn

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.