



**NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**NOVEMBER 23, 2022**

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*I Thank God*

Dolores Hruby

### HYMN

*We Praise You, O God*

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us,  
your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

## GREETING

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of grace, for all the ways you welcome us home, we give you thanks. Guard us in your love, and bring us to the hearth of your forgiveness, that we might be your reconciling presence at every table, through Jesus Christ, our suffering Savior. Amen**

### ANTHEM

*Ev'rybody Praise Him*

Jeff Reeves

### READING

Genesis 33:1-10

Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother. But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." Then the maids drew near, they and their children, and bowed down; Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down; and finally Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor with my lord." But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." Jacob said, "No, please; if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand; for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God — since you have received me with such favor.

### PSALM 100

*Jubilate Deo*

Dale Wood

## GOSPEL

Luke 15:11b-32

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

## SERMON

"A Gracious Return"

Pastor Paul Pettersen

## HYMN

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Come, ye thankful people, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.

All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come  
to thy final harvest home.  
Gather then thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in thy garner to abide.  
Come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home!

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*God Is Seen*

Alice Parker

## OFFERING

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*All offerings tonight will go for hunger, including our partnership with CES and VEAP Food Shelves, alongside our ELCA World Hunger ministry.*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE *For the Fruit of All Creation*

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs for earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

### 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.**

### HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

## BLESSING

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Come Home*

Craig Courtney

## POSTLUDE

### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Preaching:

Pastor Paul Pettersen

#### Liturgist:

Pastor Rebecca Gamble ,

Pastor Ian McConnell

#### Organist & Normandale Choir Director:

Gregory Peterson

#### Lector:

Josh Howard

#### Choirs:

Cherub Choir, Boys & Girls Choir,  
Normandale Choir, Youth & Alumni Choir

#### Childrens Choirs Director:

Ruth Oliphant

#### Childrens Choirs Accompanist:

Angela Anderson

#### Normandale Choir Accompanist:

Lorna Wolthoff

#### Musicians:

Normandale Brass

#### Ushers:

Michael Howard, Alex Feyder,

Paulette & David Hutton,

Lynn & Kay Laaksonen, Kim Sannerud

### POST WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

