

# Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## Holy Communion

September 3, 2023 | 9:30am



\* Congregational responses in **bold**

### Gathering Music

*Variations on For the Beauty of the Earth*

David Dahl

### Words of Welcome

### 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.**

### Gathering Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

ELW 879

### 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, we thank you for your Son, who showed us a different way of being while on the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Give us faith to go out into the world with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

## Psalm 26:1-8

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived | with integrity;  
I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.

**Test me, O | Lord, and try me;  
examine my heart | and my mind.**

For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;  
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

**I have not sat | with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**

I have hated the company of | evildoers;  
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O Lord,  
that I may go in procession | round your altar,**  
singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

**Lord, I love the house in | which you dwell  
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia! Lord and Savior*

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## Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

## Sermon

"There Must Be Another Way"

Pastor Ian McConnell

## Hymn of the Day

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798

## Thanks for Your Generosity | Announcements

### Sharing of the Peace

#### Music at the Offering

*The Call*

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Lynn Trapp

### 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:

#### Sanctus

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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.**

#### Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God*

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#### Distribution Hymn

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds  
Day By Day*

ELW 656

ELW 790

#### Communion Blessing

#### Sending Hymn

*Son of God, Eternal Savior* (Stanzas 1, 2, 4)

ELW 655

#### Blessing and Sending

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

#### Sending Music

*Voluntary in A Major*

William Selby

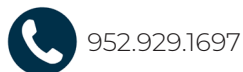
## WELCOME TO NORMANDALE



### 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.

**Livestream** of Sunday worship is available as a way to participate in the regular worship life of our congregation. Visit [normluth.org/livestream](http://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.

**Holy Communion** is offered during worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

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### NLC Kids

**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 Children's Ministry and be collected every Sunday.

### **Sunday School Starts September 17!**

Musically integrated instruction following worship for children in Preschool - 4th grade. Taught by a lead music teacher and volunteer small group leaders with Bible story learning, relationship building, songs, and games. Register Now!

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider:	Pastor Ian McConnell
Liturgist:	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
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Communion Deacons:	Pat Lindstrand, Karen & Lee Newcomer, Susan Sackrison
Greeters:	Fred & Kristi Shepherd, Dave Myhre
Sacristan:	Lisa Schwie
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### 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](mailto:ksannerud@normluth.org) or 952.977.9380