

Pentecost

Something Trees
will go here

September 10, 2023 | 9:30am



* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

English Folk Song Suite

Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. J. Villanuev

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

With a Voice of Singing

Kenneth Jennings

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.

Gathering Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (Stanzas 1, 3-5) ELW 533

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 freedom, God of grace, on the wings of forgiveness you set us free to forgive others. Guide our thoughts into your thoughts, that conflicts may become sacred ground for reconciliation, on earth as it is in heaven. AMEN

First Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.

**Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

**Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.

**Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me.**

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?*

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Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the

(Gospel continued on the next page)

church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Woncha’ Be My Neighbor!”

Pastor Paul Pettersen

Hymn of the Day

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

ELW 603

Thanks for Your Generosity

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

David M. Cherwien

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

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

On What Has Now Been Sown

ELW 550

Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Sonata from Die Bankelsanger

edited Robert King

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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SUNDAY AT NORMANDALE

Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship at RallyFest f

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.

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

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider:	Pastor Paul Pettersen
Liturgist:	Pastors Rebecca Gamble & Ian McConnell
Organist:	Gregory Peterson
Cantor:	Rachael Leadholm
Choir:	Normandale Choir
Instrumental:	Normandale Brass Quintet
Acolytes:	Winnie Feyder, Annileigh Nelson
Lector	Karen Newcomer
Greeters:	Lois Nordling, Norm & Judy Teigen
Sacristan:	Edel Henningsen
Ushers:	Elenkiwich Team

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