

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023
Holy Baptism | 9:30am



* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music *All Glory Be to God on High* J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Call to worship *Bell Toll*

Processional Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* ELW 853

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 **Emmett Jordan Hall**
Son of Jeremy & Michelle Hall

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 Emmett as God's own, takes delight in him and surrounds him with love.

Jeremy and Michelle; called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Emmett baptized into Christ?

As you bring Emmett 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?

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Emmett, in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him to live in the promise of baptism and to live among God's faithful people?

Dear people of God, do you promise to surround Emmett 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 Emmett 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: giving thanks, 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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8

I will exalt you, my | God and king,
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

**Every day | will I bless you
and praise your name forev- | er and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised!
There is no end | to your greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works | to another
and shall de- | clare your power.**

I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty
and all your | marvelous works.

**They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,
and I will re- | count your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

They will sing of the ways | of the Lord,
that great is the glory | of the Lord.

You will make good your pur- | pose for me;

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

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Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“All We Have Not Earned”

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

Hymn of the Day

For the Fruit of All Creation

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Thanks for Your Generosity | Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

Give Me Jesus

Larry L. Fleming

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.
This offering will help Every Meal in their fight to end child hunger.*

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

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765

Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Voluntary in E-flat Major

David N. Johnson

WELCOME TO NORMANDALE



We're Glad You're Here!

Led by the Holy Spirit and living in God's grace, 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.

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.

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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 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

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Sunday School | 10:40-11:20am

First Floor:

Pre - K & Kindergarten - Room 100

3rd Floor:

Grades 1 & 2 - Children's Choir Room

Grades 3 & 4 - Multi Purpose Room North

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider:	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Liturgist:	Pastor Paul Pettersen
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Greeters:	Dee & Gordy Sprenger, Brad Dahlman
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 or 952.977.9380.