

Eighteenth Sunday after

Pentecost

October 1, 2023

Holy Communion | 9:30am



* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

*Carillon
Cantilene*

Philip Moore
Malcolm Archer

Words of Welcome

Call To Worship

Bell Toll

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

God Is Here!

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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

This Is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

God of gentle authority, we come before you to listen, to attend to your voice in the world with curiosity and compliance, trusting that your heart is attuned to the well-being of all people. Teach us again that we are instruments in your hands, working for the change to which you call us. In the cross of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Psalm 25:1-9

To | you, O Lord,
I lift | up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

**Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths.**

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

**You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

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Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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Sermon

"Unlearning to Learn Anew"

Pastor Paul Pettersen

Thanks for Your Generosity | Announcements**Sharing of the Peace****Music at the Offering***You Are Welcome Here*

Mark Burrows

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.*

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

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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*Lamb of God*

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Distribution Hymn*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

ELW 708

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

ELW 818

Communion Blessing**Sending Hymn***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (stanzas 1, 3, 4)

ELW 712

Blessing and Sending

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

Sending Music*Fanfare and Chorale on Abbot's Leigh*

Robert A. Hobby

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 Paul Pettersen
Liturgist: Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Choir: Children's Choir
Choir Director: Lily Askegaard
Accompianist: Angela Anderson
Cantor: Annika McCutcheon
Soloists: Mairi Doom, Annika McCutcheon

Acoyltes: Cora Piepho, Annileigh Nelson
Lector: Arne Selbyg
Greeters: Dee & Gordy Sprenger, Norm & Judy Tiegen
Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
Ushers: Laaksonen Team
Communion Set Up: Jonathan Kuehl, Linda Van Guilder
Communion Deacons: Wendi Breuer, Jim Ggranquist, Susan Sackrison, Kati Salmon