

# Twenty First Sunday After *Pentecost*

October 22, 2023 | 9:30am



\* Congregational responses in **bold**

<b>Gathering Music</b>	<i>Let the Whole Creation Cry Amazing Grace!</i>	arr. Brenda E. Austin arr. Lloyd Larson
<b>Words of Welcome</b>		
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>Bell Toll</i>	
<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>Bring Many Names</i>	ACS 1094

## **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.**

## **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.**

**Prayer of the Day****First Reading**

Isaiah 43: 18-21

Forget what happened long ago! Don't think about the past. I am creating something new. There it is! Do you see it? I have put roads in deserts, streams in thirsty lands. Every wild animal honors me, even jackals and owls. I provide water in deserts — streams in thirsty lands for my chosen people. I made them my own nation, so they would praise me.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 96:1-9**

Sing to the Lord | a new song;  
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;  
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations  
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised,  
more to be feared | than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;  
but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord.**

**Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;  
tremble before the Lord, | all the earth.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Alleluia! Lord and Savior*

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**Gospel**

Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**                      “Ponder Anew What the Almighty Can Do”                      Pastor Ian McConnell

**Hymn of the Day**                      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*                      ELW 858

## **Thanks for Your Generosity | Announcements**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

**Music at the Offering**                      *Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round*                      Libby Larsen

### **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.**

### **Litany of Farewell for Pastor Ian McConnell**

**Sending Hymn**                      *God of Grace and God of Glory*                      ELW 705

### **Blessing and Sending**

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

**Sending Music**                      *God of Grace*                      Paul Manz

# 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](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

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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

<b>Presider:</b>	Pastor
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Pastors Rebecca Gamble & Paul Pettersen. Pastor John Hulden, Farewell Litany
<b>Organist:</b>	Gregory Peterson
<b>Cantor:</b>	
<b>Choir:</b>	Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, director, Lorna Wolthoff, accompanist
<b>Instrumental:</b>	Normandale Bells, Lorna Wolthoff, director
<b>Lector:</b>	Marilyn Kemme
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Cindy Nelson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Laaksonen Team
<b>Greeters:</b>	Lois Nordling, Norm & Judy Teigen