



* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

*Prelude on 'A Mighty Fortress'
Contrapunctus IX*

John Jay Hilfiger
J. S. Bach, arr. Richard Fote

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Bell Toll

Processional Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW 504

Affirmation of Baptism

Confirmands, when you were baptized, parents and caring adults, godparents, and representatives of the whole church made promises to support, nurture, and pray for you in faith and life in Christ Jesus. Those promises were made so that you would learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. In your baptism, God in Christ poured out upon you the riches of God's mercy, forgiveness, and love. In the water and God's word you were joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to be the recipients and bearers of that promise in the world. And so, as you stand before this assembly today, we ask you, do you wish to affirm these promises given and poured over you together with the church and all God's people?

(Confirmands respond: We do.)

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, unite the hearts of all who call on you. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the voices within that are not God's voice of love and grace? **We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers that rebel against God? **We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the temptations that isolate you from God and community? **We renounce them.**

Apostles Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father?

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

We believe that God has created us together with all that exists. God has given us and still preserves our bodies and souls, all limbs and senses, house and home, family and possessions, and all that is needed for daily life. All this is done out of pure and divine goodness and mercy, and for that we ought to thank and praise and serve and obey. This is most certainly true.

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.

What does this mean?

We believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also true human, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed us and freed us from sin, death, and the powers of evil, not with silver or gold but with his holy and precious blood and innocent suffering and death. God has done all this so that we may live in beloved community and serve God always. This is most certainly true.

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.

What does this mean?

We believe that by our own understanding or strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called us through the gospel, enlightened us with gifts, made us holy, and kept us in true faith. This is most certainly true.

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

You have made a public profession of your faith. Confirmands, Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? Confirmands Respond: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Confirmands kneel for laying on of hands)

Let us pray, **Holy and almighty God, for Jesus sake, stir up the gift of your Holy Spirit in these your children; Aidan, Beatrice, Bennett, Bennett, Bergen, Duncan, Ella, Grady, Isabella, Lauren, Lucia, Maxwell, Miranda, Nicholas, Paige, and Soren - confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. Amen.**

(Placement of stoles)

Let us rejoice with those making public affirmation of baptism.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Sharing of the Peace

Hymn

That Priceless Grace

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Prayer of the Day

God of infinite love, God of powerful voice, God of grand pursuit, tear open the heavens and come down, landing on the shoulders of these your young people, that they may know that you are with them; leading, guiding, and loving them for all their days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. AMEN

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-4a

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm 139:1-10

LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, | you have known me.

**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**

You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**

Where can I go then | from your Spirit?

Where can I flee | from your presence?

**If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.**

If I take the wings | of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,

**even there your | hand will lead me
and your right hand | hold me fast.**

Second Reading

II Corinthians 12:7b-10

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

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Gospel

Mark 1:9-11

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"You Are Safe, You Are Loved, You Are Free!"

Pastor Paul Pettersen

Hymn of the Day

All Are Welcome (Stanzas 1, 2, 5)

ELW 641

Thanks for your Generosity

Music at the Offering

Built On a Rock

F. Melius Christiansen

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.

*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.

Blessing

Sending Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

'Finale' from Water Music Suite

G. F. Handel, arr. Bill Holcombe Jr.

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.

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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

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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.

Extended PrayGround is located outside of the sanctuary next to the Fishbowl for children age 4 and up and their families. There are quiet activities for and a screen to see and hear worship.

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider: Pastor Paul Pettersen.
Liturgist: Pastors Rebecca Gamble
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Choir: Normandale, Gregory Peterson, director
Accompanist: Lorna Wolthoff
Instrumental: Normandale Brass Quintet
Cantor: Ann Kinney

Crucifer: Travis Mosely
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Sacristan: Lisa Schwie
Greeters: Michelle Petz, Brad & Susie Baker
Ushers: Kim Sannerud, Dave & Paulette Hutton, Mike Schwie, Jan Hahn