

Twenty Fourth Sunday after

Pentecost



November 12, 2023
Holy Baptism | 9:30am

* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

arr. John A. Behnke
arr. Michael Helman

Words of Welcome

Call to worship

Bell Toll

Processional Hymn

O God beyond All Praising
(Please stand and face the cross)

ELW 880

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.

New Member Welcome

Gary & Marilyn Bartz; Joe, Kara, Isabella and Cole Carpenter; Steve, Erika and Max Connelly;
Bill & Karen Eisenbarth; Donna Loock; Rob, Elizabeth, John and Elise McFarlane; Casey, Mallory,
Jack and Charlie Potter; Steve and Sue Mohn; Reed Steel and Julie Samson, Ezekiel and Henry

Promises of Baptism

Everett Martin Platek
Son of Joseph and Danielle Platek

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

Joseph and Danielle; called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Everett baptized into Christ? *Response: We do*

As you bring Everett 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? *Response: We do*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Everett, 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? *Response: We do*

Dear people of God, do you promise to surround Everett 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 Everett 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

Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;

O Lord, make | haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me

turn back because | of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;

let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

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Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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Sermon

“What to Do When You Don’t Know What to Do!”

Pastor Paul Pettersen and Gregory Peterson

Hymn of the Day

Freedom Is Coming

(Choir sings twice, then congregation sings verse 1 & 2)

ACS 903

Thanks for your Generosity

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

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.*

Faith Marker

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Bible Presentation

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

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ELW 717

Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Oh, Freedom

Adolphus Hailstork

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.

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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 & 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

Grades 3 & 4 - Multi Purpose Room North

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider:

Liturgist:

Organist

Choir:

Choir Director:

Accompianist:

Instrumental:

Director

Pastor Paul Pettersen

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

Gregory Peterson

Normandale Choir

Greg Peterson

Lorna Wolthoff

Normandale Bells

Lorna Wolthoff

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