

Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

October 22, 2023 | 9:30am



* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

*Let the Whole Creation Cry
Amazing Grace!*

arr. Brenda E. Austin
arr. Lloyd Larson

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Bell Toll

Gathering Hymn

Bring Many Names

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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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.

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.

Welcomings 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.

Extended PrayGround is located outside of the sanctuary next to the Fishbowl for children age 4 and up and their families. Their 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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NO Sunday School Today!

See you next week from 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 Ian McConnell
Liturgist:	Pastors Rebecca Gamble & Paul Pettersen. Pastor John Hulden (Farewell Litany)
Organist:	Gregory Peterson
Choir:	Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, director, Lorna Wolthoff, accompanist
Instrumental:	Normandale Bells, Lorna Wolthoff, director
Lector:	Marilyn Kemme
Sacristan:	Cindy Nelson
Ushers:	Laaksonen Team
Greeters:	Lois Nordling, Norm & Judy Teigen