

# Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024 | 9:30am



\* Congregational responses in **bold**

## Gathering Music

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

Dieterich Buxtehude

## Words of Welcome

## Call to worship

*Bell Toll*

## Processional Hymn

*Jesus Call Us; o'er the Tumult*

ELW 696

## 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.**

## Promises of Baptism

**Solveig Sackrison Metherd**

Daughter of Michael & Jennifer Metherd

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 Solveig as God's own, takes delight in her and surrounds her with love.

Michael & Jennifer; called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Solveig baptized into Christ?

*Response: We do*

As you bring Solveig to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, to bring her to Jesus' sacred meal, to place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, nurturing her in faith and grounding her in prayer, so that she 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 her grow in her Christian faith and life?

*Response: We do*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Solveig, in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her 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 Solveig with love and grace, and pray for her in her 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 Name 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.

## Reading

1 Samuel 3:1--20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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.**

For you yourself created my | inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

**I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.**

My body was not hid- | den from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written | in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**

How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!

How great is the | sum of them!

**If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;  
to count them all, my lifespan would need to | be like yours.**

**Gospel**

John 1:43-51

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.****Sermon***"God's Voice Within"*

Pastor Paul Pettersen

**Hymn of the Day***Here I Am, Lord  
(Choir sings the verses, congregation joins on the refrain)*

ELW 574

**Thanks for your Generosity****Sharing of the Peace****Music at the Offering***Light Everlasting*

Olaf C. 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. 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.**

**Sending Hymn***How Marvelous God's Greatness*

ELW 830

**Blessing and Sending**

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

**Sending Music***Toccata in F*

Buxtehude

# 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.

**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

Cantor:

Choir:

Choir Director:

Accompanist:

Pastor Paul Pettersen

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

Gregory Peterson

Sheryl Schroeder

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