

Normandale
Lutheran
Church



Edina, Minnesota

Fourteenth Sunday
after

Pentecost

August 25, 2024 | 9:30 am

Congregational responses in **bold**

* Please stand as you are comfortable

Gathering Music

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne

Dietrich Buxtehude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Bell Toll

*Confession and Forgiveness

Drawn to Jesus, and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

(silence for reflection)

God of grace,

we question your way when it differs from the way of the world. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. Turn us again to you, and forgive us our sin, that we may be restored to you and each other.

Beloved people of God, in the power of Jesus Christ and his love, you are forgiven. Go back out into the world with joy, living fully into God's wisdom and way.

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

ELW 853

*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.

*Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the Highest

ELW page 147

*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. By your Spirit, and through the gift of community, lead us to embrace the promise of Jesus, the bread of life, who gives his life for all. Amen.

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the Lord are up- | on the righteous,
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against those | who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

The righteous cry, and | the Lord hears them
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the | brokenhearted
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.**

Many are the troubles | of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers them from | every one.

**God will keep safe | all their bones;
not one of them | shall be broken.**

Evil will bring death | to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

**O Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.**

*Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

*Gospel

John 6:56-69

The Holy Gospel reading in John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were

(Gospel continued on the next page)

complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Why We Stay” Pastor Hans Lee

Hymn of the Day *Blessed Assurance* ELW 638

Thanks for your Generosity

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering *The Gift of Love* Emma Lou Diemer

***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** *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* ELW 618

Blessing

Sending Music *Cwm Rhondda* 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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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 families of children age 4. There are quiet activities and a screen for you to engage in 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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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching: Pastor Hans Lee
Liturgist: Sumner Musolf
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Cantor: Rachael Leadholm
Acolytes: Jack & Isaac Koivula Schadow

Lector: Marilyn Kemme
Greeters: Mel & Deb Henry, Norm & Judy Teigen
Sacristan: Edel Henningsen
Ushers: Chin Team