



# Fifteenth Sunday after

# Pentecost

September 1, 2024 | 9:30 am • Holy Communion

Congregational responses in **bold**

\* Please stand as you are comfortable

## Gathering Music

*This Is My Father's World*

Arr. Valerie A. Floete

## Words of Welcome

## \*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

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

ELW 879



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## \*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

*This Is the Feast*

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*Refrain*  
Assisting minister




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.


All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that confront us, and cleanse our hearts from within, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Reading

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

## Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your | holy hill?  
**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,**  
**who speak the truth | from their heart;**  
they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.  
**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the Lord.**  
**They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.**  
**They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.**  
**Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Celtic Alleluia*

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*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

## \*Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

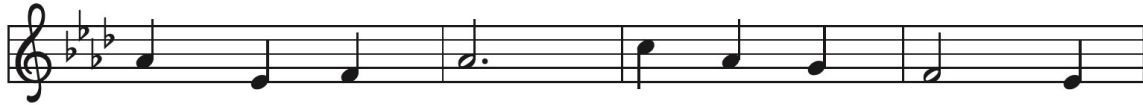
The Holy Gospel reading in Mark, the seventh chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. "For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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## Sermon

Pastor Hans Lee



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**Music at the Offering**

*The Call*

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Lynn Trapp

**\*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.*

# Holy Communion

## \*Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## \*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## \*Words of Institution

### \*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.**

## Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# Distribution Music

## Hymn

*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

ELW 816



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a  
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a  
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys in love.

## Hymn

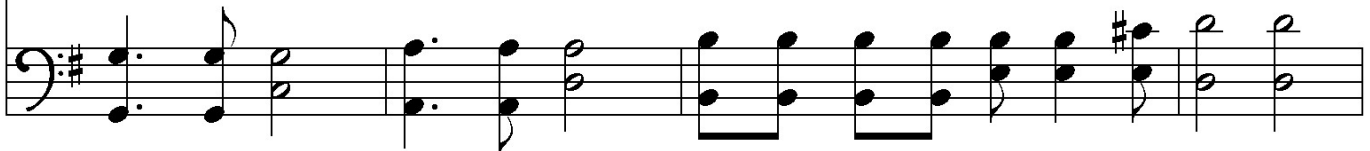
*Eat This Bread*

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*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



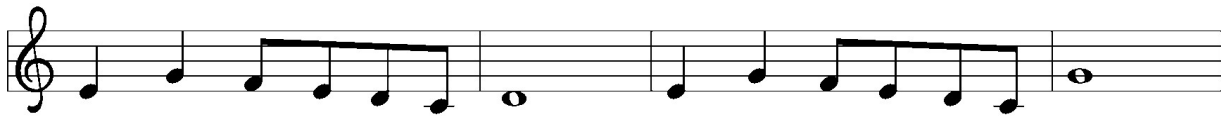
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.



# Hymn

*Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*

ELW 814



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

# Communion Blessing

## \*Sending Hymn

*This Is My Father's World*

ELW 824



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world: oh. let me not for - get that.



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

## \*Blessing and Sending

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

## Sending Music

*Voluntary in D Major*

Wm. Croft

## 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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## TODAY AT NORMANDALE

### Outdoor Fellowship

Join us for coffee and donuts in the parking lot near the bridge to Trinity Commons following worship.

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### NLC Kids

#### The Play Ground is the PrayGround!



Families are welcome to play while they worship. Let the children make joyful noise as they climb, jump and praise God with all their energy!

#### Noisy Offering

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preacher:**

Pastor Hans Lee

**Liturgist:**

Pastor Maria Pederson

**Musician:**

Gregory Peterson

**Lector:**

Karen Newcomer

**Greeters:**

Lois Nordling, Dot Olson

**Communion Set-up:**

Jonathan Kuehl

**Communion Deacons:**

Jim Granquist, Mary Quist Newins, Karen Newcomer, Pam Werley

**Sacristan:**

Cindy Nelson

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