

Normandale
Lutheran
Church



Edina, Minnesota

Sixteenth Sunday

after
Pentecost

September 8, 2024 | 9:30 am

Congregational responses in **bold**
* Please stand as you are comfortable

Gathering Music *Polonäs De Sexdrega / Eklunda No. 3*

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship *Bell Toll*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and brings peace and healing to us and the creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before our gracious God.

silence for reflection

Have mercy on us, O God. We confess that our hearts often churn with anger, and our words and actions can cause harm to our neighbors. Help us to turn away from violence and animosity toward those near and far. Teach us your way of reconciliation and love. We live into peace as we trust that Christ is our peace. By God's abundant grace, we are forgiven and empowered to live as beloved people for the sake of the world God loves. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn** *You Are Holy (sung twice)* ELW 525

***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** *Come, All You People (sung in English)* ELW 819

***Prayer of the Day**

God of all people, you are more merciful than we can imagine. Teach us as followers of Jesus to love the world with compassion and mercy. Fill us with love for all of humanity, and remind us that we can all learn from each other. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped, then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;

who keeps promis- | es forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The Lord sets the | captive free.

**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the Lord | loves the righteous.**

The Lord cares | for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

The Lord shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

Second Reading

James 2:1-8,14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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*Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

*Gospel

Mark 7:24-31

The Holy Gospel reading in Mark the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

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Sermon

Pastor Maria Pederson

Hymn of the Day

Spirit, Open My Heart

ACS 1043

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

Pillsbury Avenue / Fogelberg

*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:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*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

Day By Day

ELW 790

*Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sending Music

On the Lam

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.

Holy Communion is offered during worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

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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 Maria Pederson
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