



Twentieth Sunday

after Pentecost

October 6, 2024 | 9:30 am | Holy Communion

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

Gathering Music

Vocalise, Op. 34, No. 14

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Gather Your Children, Dear Savior in Peace

Carl Schalk

*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

Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom

ACS 1064

*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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*Prayer of the Day

Good and gracious God, you know all too well that our world and our lives are not perfect. People hurt one another and relationships are broken. Use us to bring healing and wholeness where we can, following Jesus' lead as we strive to live with justice, mercy, and kindness. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

Reading

Micah 6:6-8

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

O | Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?
Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:
all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.
O | Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

*Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

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*Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to [Jesus] in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Maria Pederson

*Hymn of the Day

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

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Thanks for your Generosity

Sharing of the Peace

If there is to be peace in the world, **there must be peace in the nations.**

If there is to be peace in the nations, **there must be peace in the cities.**

If there is to be peace in the cities, **there must be peace between neighbors.**

If there is to be peace between neighbors, **there must be peace in the home.**

If there is to be peace in the home, **there must be peace in the heart.**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

***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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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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Distribution Hymns

Now We Join in Celebration
Blest Be the Tie that Binds

ELW 462
ELW 656**Communion Blessing*****Sending Hymn***Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW 840

***Sending**

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

Sending Music*Nun Danket alle Gott*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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 to watch from wherever you are.

Holy Communion is offered during worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. All are welcome at God's Table. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.

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.

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

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.

Sunday School | 10:40-11:30am | Age 3 - 4th Grade

First Floor: Preschool - Room 100

3rd Floor: Grades K, 1 & 2 - Multi Purpose Room N.

Grades 3 & 4 - Multi Purpose Room S.

Not registered? Come anyway, all are welcome!

WORSHIP LEADERS

President: Pastor Maria Pederson,
Liturgists: Pastors Hans Lee & Rebecca Gamble
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Cantor: Mark Johns
Instrumental: Pam Shaffer Reinhard, violin
Choir: Normandale Choir
Director: Gregory Peterson
Accompanist: Lorna Wolthoff

Acolytes: Bella Carpenter, Annileigh Nelson
Lector: Ayla Kluis
Greeters: Dot Olson, Carmen Eide
Communion Set-up: Jon Kuehl, Martha Taylor, Kim Sannerud
Communion Deacons: Jim Granquist, Pat Lindstrand, Jenny Bock
Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
Ushers: Laaksonen & Elenkiwich Team