

TODAY WE CELEBRATE & AFFIRM OUR BAPTISM

# REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27, 2024 | 9:30AM

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

## Gathering Music

*Fantasy on A Mighty Fortress*

Jan Zwart

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

*Listen, God Is Calling*

Tanzanian traditional

## \*Processional Hymn

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*  
(please stand and face the cross)

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## \*Affirmation of Baptism

Confirmands, when you were baptized, parents and caring adults, godparents, and representatives of the whole church made promises to support, nurture, and pray for you in faith and life in Christ Jesus. Those promises were made so that you would learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. In your baptism, God in Christ poured out upon you the riches of God's mercy, forgiveness, and love. In the water and God's word you were joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to be the recipients and bearers of that promise in the world. And so, as you stand before this assembly today, we ask you, do you wish to affirm these promises given and poured over you together with the church and all God's people? (*Confirmands respond: We do.*)

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, unite the hearts of all who call on you. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the voices within that are not God's voice of love and grace? **We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers that rebel against God? **We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the temptations that isolate you from God and community? **We renounce them.**

## \*Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father?

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

What does this mean?

**We believe that God has created us together with all that exists. God has given us and still preserves our bodies and souls, all limbs and senses, house and home, family and possessions, and all that is needed for daily life. All this is done out of pure and divine goodness and mercy, and for that we ought to thank and praise and serve and obey. This is most certainly true.**

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.**

What does this mean?

**We believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also true human, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed us and freed us from sin, death, and the powers of evil, not with silver or gold but with his holy and precious blood and innocent suffering and death. God has done all this so that we may live in beloved community and serve God always. This is most certainly true.**

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.**

What does this mean?

**We believe that by our own understanding or strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called us through the gospel, enlightened us with gifts, made us holy, and kept us in true faith. This is most certainly true.**

## **Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly**

You have made a public profession of your faith. Confirmands, Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? (*Confirmands Respond: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.*)

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## **Blessing and Placement of Stoles**

Let us rejoice with those making public affirmation of baptism.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **\*Sharing of the Peace**

### **\*Hymn**

*God Is Here!*

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### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, we give thanks that your Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on all your faithful people now. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, enliven us with renewed imagination for service, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **First Reading**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the Lord,  
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;**

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**"Be still, then, and know that I am God;**

**I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*

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## \*Gospel

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’? Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

## Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

## \*Hymn of the Day

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

ELW 729

## Thanks for your Generosity

## Music at the Offering

*Grant Peace, We Pray*

Music: Felix Mendelssohn/Text: Martin Luther

## \*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:

God of Grace.  
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.**

## \*Recessional Hymn

*The Church's One Foundation* (Stanzas 1, 4, 5)

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## \*Blessing and Sending

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

## Sending Music

*Fugue on the Nicene Creed*

J. S. Bach

# 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.

**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.

### WAYS TO GIVE

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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 and 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 | 10:40-11:30am | 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 Rebecca Gamble  
**Liturgist:** Pastors Hans Lee & Maria Pederson  
**Organist:** Gregory Peterson  
**Choir:** Normandale Choir  
**Director:** Gregory Peterson  
**Accompanist:** Lorna Wolthoff  
**Instrumental:** Amanda Smith, Trumpet

**Cantor:** John Sackrison  
**Acolytes:** Annika McCutcheon, Maxim Komarenko  
**Crucifer:** Max Berkholtz  
**Lectors:** Alyson Meixelsperger, Andrew McCutcheon  
**Sacristan:** Lisa Schwie  
**Greeters:** Susie & Brad Baker, Dave Myhre  
**Ushers:** Feyder Team