



A SERVICE  
OF  
*Thanks*

November 24, 2024  
9:30 am



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

## Gathering Music

*Trumpet Tune in A Major*  
*We Gather Together*

David N. Johnson  
Dale Wood

## Words of Welcome

### Call To Worship

*Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice*

Text: Helen Kemp  
Music: Tom Shelton

## Confession & 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

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ELW 693

## 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

*We Praise You, O God*

ELW 870

## Prayer of the Day

**God of abundance, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to trust in your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you and our neighbors with joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Reading

Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Anthem

*A Joyous Psalm*

Eugene Butler

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?*

ELW Page 151

## \*Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Pastor Hans Lee

## \*Hymn of the Day

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

ELW 681

## Thanks for Your Generosity

## \*Sharing of the Peace

## Music at the Offering

*Declare Your Maker’s Praise*

Lloyd Larson

## \*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.**

All are invited to bring forward non-perishable food items and pledge cards, as the children cheerfully bring their “Noisy Offering” to the front during the Offertory Response. The Noisy Offering will help Every Meal in their fight to end child hunger.

## \*Prayers of the People

Congregational response following each 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

*Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW 840

## \*Blessing and Sending

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

## Sending Music

*Toccata on Now Thank We All Our God*

Egil Hovland

# 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

**Online:** [normluth.org/give](http://normluth.org/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.

**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

**Presider:** Pastor Hans Lee  
**Liturgist:** Pasttor Maria Pederson  
**Organist:** Gregory Peterson  
**Istrumentalists:** Olivia Dierks, cello & Angela Anderson, oboe  
**Choirs:** Cherub, Children's, Youth & Normandale  
**Accompanists:** Angela Anderson, Lorna Wolthoff  
**Directors:** Lily Askegaard, Gregory Peterson

**Acolytes:** Duncan Kluis  
**Greeters:** Mel Henry, Norman & Judy Teigen  
**Lector:** Norman Teigen  
**Sacristan:** Cindy Nelson  
**Ushers:** Noble/Kleven Team