

# Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion  
February 16, 2025 | 9:30am

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## Welcome, we're glad you're here!

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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Congregational responses in **bold**

\* Please stand as you are comfortable

## Gathering Music

*Maker of the Earth and Heaven  
Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray*

Johann Gottfried Walther  
Dieterich Buxtehude

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

*Maker of the Earth and Heaven*

Heinrich Albert

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us when we ignore the needs of our neighbors; when we resist your call to oppose injustice; when we give in to scarcity and fear; and when we assume the worst about one another. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

## \*Gathering Hymn

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5)

ELW 533

This hymn was sung at the dedication of  
the Sanctuary, September 11, 1960

## \*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

God of Power, shine your light upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Give us the courage to see you at work in the world. Guide our feet into the way of your peace and transform us with the knowledge of your grace. Amen.

## Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.

**It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*

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## \*Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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## Sermon

Jacob Boettcher Belz  
Director of Youth Ministry

## \*Hymn of the Day

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

ELW 726

## 75th Anniversary Reflection

“O how blessed is this place filled with solace, light and grace.”  
Gregory Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

### \*Sharing of the Peace

### Music at the Offering

*Blessed Are Those*

Jane Marshall  
adapted Gregory Peterson

### \*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

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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

*O God of Mercy, God of Light  
In a Lowly Manger Born*

ELW 714  
ELW 718

### Communion Blessing

### \*Sending Hymn

*To be Your Presence*

ELW 546

### \*Blessing and Sending

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

### Sending Music

*Praeludium in G*

J. S. Bach

# WELCOME TO NORMANDALE



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.

Normandale Lutheran Church is a member of the ELCA, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.



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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 community. 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.

**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 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 by 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.

**No Sunday school today, see you next week!**

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

First Floor: Preschool - Room 100  
3rd Floor: Grades K, 1 & 2 - Multi Purpose Room North  
Grades 3 & 4 - Multi Purpose Room South

Not Registered? No problem! Join today, all are welcome!

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Jacob Boettcher Belz  
Liturgist: Pastor Hans Lee  
Organist: Gregory Peterson  
Choir: Normandale Choir  
Director: Gregory Peterson  
Accompanist: Lorna Wolthoff  
Cantor: Sherry Schroeder  
Acolytes: Otto & Nels Gunderson

Lector:  
Greeters:  
Sacristan:  
Ushers:  
Communion Set-up:  
Communion Deacons:

Arne Selbyg  
Dave Myhre, Norman & Judy Teigen  
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Sarah Howard, Jim Niemeier, Derek Camenga  
Bert & Charlie Ledder, Pat Lindstrand,  
Kim Pinkham