



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025 | 9:30am

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.

Congregational responses in **bold**

* Please stand as you are comfortable

Gathering Music

*Grave-Adagio from Sonata, No. 2
Lasst uns erfreuen*

Felix Mendelssohn
David Schack

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Tree Song

Ken Medema, arr. Robert Sterling

*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

All Creatures Worship God Most High

ELW 835

(Stanzas 1, 2 - all, 3 - treble voices, 4 - bass voices, 5 - choir, 6 - all)

*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.

***Prayer of the Day**

O merciful God, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Guided by the Holy Spirit, grant that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in the name of Christ Jesus, our savior and Lord, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.**Psalm 37: 1-11, 39, 40**

Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.**

Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

**Take delight | in the LORD,
who shall give you your | heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD
and see what | God will do!

**The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**

Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.

**In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.**

But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**

**You, O LORD, will help them and | rescue them;
and you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you | they seek refuge.**

*Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Hans Lee

*Hymn of the Day

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

ELW 603

75th Anniversary Reflection

"75 stories" with Karen Humphrey

*Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

Grant Peace, We Pray

Felix Mendelsson

*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:

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

O Day of Peace

ELW 711

*Blessing and Sending

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

Sending Music

Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata, No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

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 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.

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.

Sunday School

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: Pastor Hans Lee
Liturgists: Pastors Rebecca Gamble, Maria Pederson
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Choirs: Children's Choir, Lily Askegaard, director
Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, director
Accompanists: Angela Anderson, Lorna Wolthoff

Cantor: Charlotte Ouska
Greeters: Jean Wikoff, Carmen Eide
Lector: Ann Kinney
Sacristan: Edel Henningsen
Ushers: Laaksonen Team