



# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Holy Baptism

Outdoor Worship | Trinity Commons

July 13, 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

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

arr. John Turner & Jim Lucas

### Words of Welcome

### \*Gathering Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## **\*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.**

## **Promises of Baptism**

**Olivia Ingrid Crouse**  
Daughter of Matt & Kristin Crouse

In mercy and love, God gives new birth to all into a living hope through the promises of baptism. Recognizing our human need, we celebrate God's dependable goodness, infinite new starts, and continued claim on our lives. Today, we especially celebrate that God claims Olivia as God's own, takes delight in her, and surrounds her with love.

Matt and Kristin, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Olivia baptized into Christ?

As you bring Olivia to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, to bring her to Jesus' sacred meal, to place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, nurturing her in faith and grounding her in prayer, so that she will learn to trust God, proclaim Christ, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help her grow in her Christian faith and life?

Sponsor, do you promise to nurture Olivia in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the promise of baptism and to live among God's faithful people?

Dear People of God, do you promise to surround Olivia with love and grace, and pray for her in her life in Christ?  
**Response: We do.**

## **\*Apostles' Creed**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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.**

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.**

## **Baptism**

## **Placement of Baptismal Stole**

## **Prayer**

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you claim your children as your own. Sustain Olivia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the awe of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Anointment with Oil and Presentation of Baptismal Candle**

## **Welcome**

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: giving thanks, praising God, and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## Reading

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 25 :1-10

To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths.**

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.

**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Celtic Alleluia*



## \*Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

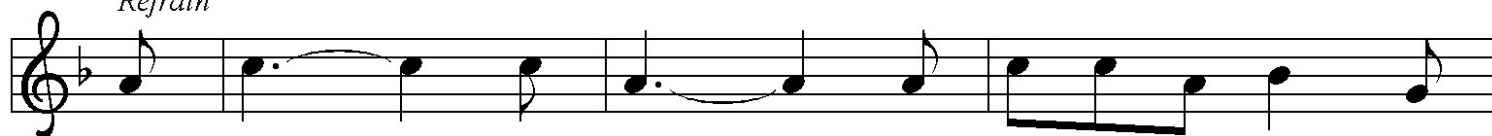
## Sermon

Pastor Maria Pederson

## \*Hymn of the Day

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

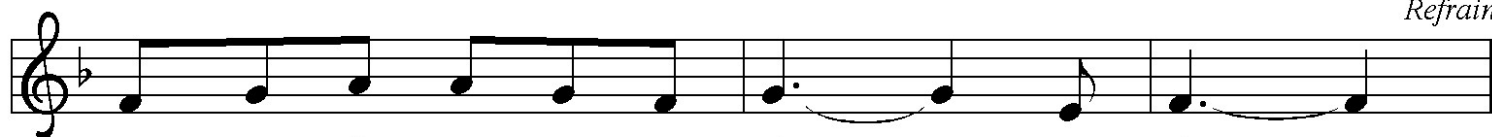


us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1	Kneels at the feet of his friends,	si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2	Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor,	var - ied in col - or and race,
3	These are the ones we will serve,	these are the ones we will love;
4	Kneel at the feet of our friends,	si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

*Refrain*



mas - ter	who	pours	out	him - self	for	them.
neigh-bors	are	near - by	and	far	a - way.	
all these	are	neigh - bors	to	us	and	you.
this is	the	way	we	will	with	you.

## \*Sharing of the Peace

### Thanks for your Generosity

Creation Care

Susan Willmert

### Music at the Offering

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

arr. Randall Hartsell

## \*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 bowl on the cement ledge 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 in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## \*Lord's Prayer

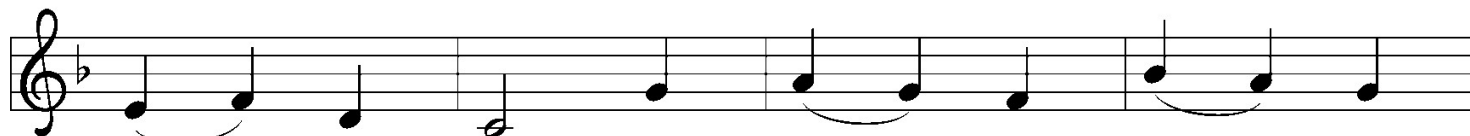
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## \*Sending Hymn

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## \*Blessing and Sending

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

## Sending Music

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

arr. John Helgen

## 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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## TODAY AT NORMANDALE

### Outdoor Fellowship

Join us for coffee and donuts in the parking lot near the bridge to Trinity Commons following worship.

### WAYS TO GIVE

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

**Text:** gift amount to: 952.260.5601

**Download the App:**

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Select "Normandale Lutheran" (55436)



### NLC Kids

**The Play Ground is the PrayGround!**



Families are welcome to play while they worship. Let the children make joyful noise as they climb, jump and praise God with all their energy!

### Noisy Offering

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preacher:**

**Liturgist:**

**Musician:**

**Cantor:**

**Baptismal Deacon:**

Pastor Maria Pederson

Pastor Hans Lee

Lorna Wolthoff

Ann Kinney

Niles Bisping

**Lector:**

**Greeters:**

**Sacristans:**

**Ushers:**

Ann LaPorte

Mel & Deb Henry

Lisa Schwie

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# Stay in the loop at



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## Help Students Get Ready for School!

### Sponsor-A-Student Backpack & Shoe Drive

Benefitting our friends with:



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HOUSE



Asylum Coalition for  
Transition - Twin Cities



SAYFSM



## Starting **TODAY** !!

Shop for a child's school supplies here



Summer is here!

While it may be far from our minds, another school year already sits on the horizon... and once again this year, we will help supply backpacks filled with school supplies as well as shoe gift cards to students affiliated with ministry partners:

- Normandale House
- Sub-Saharan African Youth and Family Services (SAYFSM)
- Asylum Coalition for Transition - Twin Cities (ACT-TC)

See us starting July 13th through August 10th!

## Betsy Pfeifer & Brent Malcom

*"Like Always, Like Never Before"*



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## Presenting **75 Stories**



Our entertaining "75 Stories" series continues with two (2) new stories from volunteer extraordinaire Betsy Pfeifer and Director of Operations and Finance Brent Malcom. The QR code above will take you to our YouTube channel where all of our stories are released or find them at [normluth.org/75th-anniversary/75-stories](https://normluth.org/75th-anniversary/75-stories).

## Who's Interested in a Ride?

### Summer Connect Groups

Let's stick together this summer!



### Bike & Brew

July 13 11:00am

Meetinghouse Church, Edina

Bike to Hopkins, then to either  
Unmapped or Steel Toe Breweries!



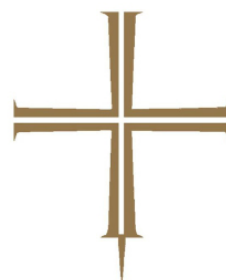
Contact Mark Johns  
with questions!



In case you didn't bring your bike to outdoor worship this morning, you're still in luck! Riders can meet the group at the Countryside Park parking lot at about 11:15am, which is just next to Meetinghouse Church. We'll hit the trails from there, biking to Hopkins and then taking the trail west to Unmapped.

Spread the word -- all are welcome. Have any last minute questions? Email Mark Johns either through the QR code or at [mjohns@ecunet.org](mailto:mjohns@ecunet.org).

## In Remembrance of Our Beloved



*Celebrating the life of*

**Ben Leadholm, Sr.**

**Monday, July 28th**

**11:00am**

Visitation: 10:00am

Reception Following: Fireside Room



## Like Always, Like Never Before

One of our objectives in celebrating our 75th anniversary is to graciously acknowledge the gifts from our past and how they have led us to the gifts of our present and future.

Did you know that our building was over 65,000 square feet? Check out our updated display in the narthex featuring our facility over the last 75 years. Continued special thanks to our Heritage Committee and Bert Ledder for their dedication to showcasing these pieces!



## Coming This Fall!

Watch for more information on the Adult Forum Series following worship, led by Lutheran Seminary Professor of Theology Amy Marga!

Racial Justice & Equity



# Support Those Impacted by Flooding

## Give Now to Lutheran Disaster Response



Send help to those impacted by floods in Texas and the southeast by going to [normluth.org/give](https://normluth.org/give) and designating **"Emergency Response"** on the **"One-Time Gift"** form. 100% of gifts received through the end of July will immediately go to Lutheran Disaster Response.

## Save the Date for Community Fest

### Community Fest

Wednesday, August 20 | 5:00-8:00pm



Live  
Music

BBQ  
Picnic

Beer  
Garden  
(for purchase, 21+)

Normandale Lutheran Church  
6100 Normandale Road  
West Parking Lot

You're invited! All are welcome to a  
**FREE** evening of live music and food!  
Fun for the whole family!

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## Get Signed Up for CYF Programs Now!



### Children & Youth 2025-26

AFLAME SUNDAY SCHOOL    SPARK 4/5 GRADE  
CHERUB CHOIR    IGNITE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR    ABLAZE HIGH SCHOOL

Fall CYF Ministry begins September 7  
Questions? Email us: [cyl@normluth.org](mailto:cyl@normluth.org)



You are invited to a free-for-all-ages, neighborhood-wide festival to celebrate our 75th anniversary! This will be an opportunity to engage with the greater community and fortify Normandale as a neighbor here to help and participate alongside each other. Come enjoy live music, as well as great seasonal food and beverages! Community Fest will be presented in partnership with both Normandale Foundation and the Normandale Center for Healing and Wholeness.

Year-round faith formation at Normandale is available for **ALL children and youth in preschool through 12th grade with NO required fee**. Please fill out the form using the QR code so you can be ready for programming starting September 7.

Any questions? Email [cyl@normluth.org](mailto:cyl@normluth.org) today!

## This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church July 14 - July 20, 2025

### Monday, July 14th

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Heritage Committee

Choir Conference Room

### Tuesday, July 15th

9:00am - 2:00pm  
9:30am - 10:45am  
10:45am - 12:00pm  
4:00pm - 6:30pm  
4:30pm - 6:00pm  
6:00pm - 9:00pm  
6:30pm - 7:30pm  
7:00pm - 9:30pm

Summer Stretch  
Worship Planning Team Meeting  
Pastoral Care Meeting  
Racial Justice & Equity Team (RJET) Meeting  
Normandale House Board Meeting  
ABLAZE (9th-12th Grades) Movie Night  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Stephen Ministry Class

Around Twin Cities  
Choir Conference Room  
Choir Conference Room  
Zoom (Virtual)  
Studio A  
Off-Site  
Room 207  
Studio A

### Wednesday, July 16th

8:30am - 3:00pm  
9:00am - 2:00pm  
12:00pm - 1:00pm  
7:30pm - 9:00pm

Hamline University Reading Program  
Summer Stretch  
Al-Anon  
AA Meeting

Rooms 209-211  
Around Twin Cities  
Multi Purpose North  
Studio A

### Thursday, July 17th

9:00am - 2:00pm  
11:00am - 12:00pm  
1:00pm - 2:00pm  
3:15pm - 4:30pm

Summer Stretch  
Memory Cafe  
Mary's Circle  
Racial Justice & Equity Book Club

Around Twin Cities  
Studio A  
Studio A  
Zoom (Virtual)

### Friday, July 18th

*No events planned.*

### Saturday, July 19th

*No events planned.*

### Sunday, July 20th

8:30am - 1:00pm  
9:30am - 10:30am  
11:30am - 1:00pm

Hamline University Reading Program  
Worship  
Virtual Coffee Hour

Rooms 209-211  
Sanctuary  
Zoom (Virtual)