



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion
August 3, 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

Partita on For the Beauty of the Earth

Dennis Janzer

Words of Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

God of creation, we seek to be one with you and all you have made. Be near us in our disconnection, and bring us into right relationship with all of your good creation. Give us open hearts, open hands, and compassion for all as we confess our brokenness, receive your forgiveness, and remember our connection with every living thing. Amen.

(Silence for reflection)

Let us confess our disconnection, brokenness, and sin as one people.

God of love,

We confess that we have not treated your creation as something to be valued. You ask us to receive, and yet we extract; you ask us to live in peace, and yet we seek to control. Forgive us in our disconnection from creation, known and unknown to us. Give us hearts to seek the thriving of all. Through your goodness, transform our hubris into humility, and our death into life. Amen.

Beloved people of God's creation: God has declared you "good," along with the fish of the sea and the sun that warms us. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven, washed in the earth's abundant water, and given new life. Our God calls us out of disconnection to be rooted and grounded in love, caring for one another and for all of creation. **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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*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 life, **you nurture your whole creation and bring forth life from the ground. Root us and ground us in your love. Nourish the seeds of life within us, that we may receive your grace and burst forth in joy. In Christ we pray. Amen**

Reading

An Account of Creation from Genesis Chapters 1 and 2

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

Another Account of Creation from Genesis Chapter 2

Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

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

Psalm 65:5-13

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.

**You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.**

You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is | full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

**You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

**May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing.**

*Gospel Acclamation

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (sing twice)

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*Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables,

(Gospel continued on the next page)

saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

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

Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

*Hymn of the Day

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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Thanks for Generosity

Vision 2025 Update

Brent Malcom,
Dir. of Operations & Finance

*Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

Bright and Beautiful

arr. Mark Hayes

*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

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

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*Sanctus

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*Eucharistic 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.

Agnus Dei

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Distribution Hymns

*Break Now the Bread of Life
O Living Bread from Heaven*

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Communion Blessing

*Sending Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

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*Blessing and Sending

May the God who holds creation tenderly bless you, keep you, and fill you with life, in the name of Christ, who grounds us, loves us, and draws us into joy. **Amen.**

Go in peace, care for creation.
Thanks be to God!

Sending Music

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Robert Hobby

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.

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 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/dairy 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.

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Children & Youth 2025-26

AFLAME SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHERUB CHOIR
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

SPARK GRADES 4 & 5
IGNITE MIDDLE SCHOOL
ABLAZE HIGH SCHOOL

Programming begins September 7

Questions? Email cyt@normluth.org



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Preacher:

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