



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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

Praise to the Lord (3 settings)

Johann Walther,
Jan Bender, Max Reger

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858

Stanza 1 – all, 2 – bass voices, 3- treble voices, 4 - 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**

God of truth, come among us now and breathe your Holy Spirit upon us all. Enliven our dry bones; speak to us in the midst of the whirlwind. Grant us the breath of life that brings peace to your whole creation. In Christ we pray. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 150

Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament. Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness. Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp. Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe. Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Job 38 selections (sung as a psalm)

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Where were you when I laid the foundation | of the earth?

Tell me, if you have | und-er-standing.”

Who determined its measurements sure- | ly you know!

Or who stretched the | line upon it?

On what were its | bas-es sunk,

or who laid its | corn-er-stone

when the morning stars | sang to-gether

and all the heavenly beings shout - |ed for joy?

Have you entered the storehouses | of the snow,

or have you seen the storehouses | of the hail,

What is the way to the place where the light | is dis-tributed

or where the east wind is scattered up- |on the earth?

Who has cut a channel for the tor- | rents of rain

and a way for the | thun-der-bolt,

to satisfy the waste and de- | so-late land,

and to make the ground | put forth grass?

Can you lift up your voice | to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may | cov-er you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that | they may go

and say to you, | ‘Here we are’?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts

or given understanding | to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins | of the heavens?

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Where were you when I laid the foundation | of the earth?

Tell me, if you have | und-er-standing.”

Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then

(reading continued on the next page)

he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

Sermon Pastor Rebecca Gamble

***Hymn of the Day** *As the Wind Song* ACS 943

Thanks for Generosity Vision 2025 Brent Malcom, Dir. of Operations

***Sharing of the Peace**

Music at the Offering *Cantilene* Malcolm Archer

***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:
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** *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* ELW 534

***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 *Prelude in G Major* J. S. Bach

Stay for the congregational meeting to call a Lead Pastor! Right here at 11 AM!

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 cyf@normluth.org



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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Liturgists: Pastor Maria Pederson
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Cantor: Teddie Rush
Instrumental: Diane Larson, flute

Lector: Karen Newcomer
Greeter: Dave Myhre, Norm & Judy Teigen
Sacristan: Kim Sannerud
Ushers: Chin team