



# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 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

*Song of Peace*  
*Prelude on the Tune "Distress"*

Jean Langlais  
George Shearing

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer*

Brett Epperson

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## \*Gathering Hymn

*O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*

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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.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve all people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **Children's Message**

Pastor Hans Lee

## **First Reading**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms 51:1-10**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

## **\*Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

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## **\*Gospel**

Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Pastor Hans Lee

## \*Hymn of the Day

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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## Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

## \*Prayers of the People

*Congregational response following each prayer petition:*

God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## \*Sharing of the Peace

## Healing Prayer Time

(Prayer stations for prayers of wholeness and healing available during an extended time of offering)

**As the offering plate passes by, you are invited to move throughout the sanctuary for prayer.**

If you'd like someone to pray with you: two prayer stations behind the altar, one prayer station near the sound booth. Anointing with oil is offered.

Private prayer on your own: kneel at the railing in front of the altar, or stay in your seat.

Write or draw something/someone you'd like to pray for on a small slip of paper. Drop your prayer paper in the offering plate or in a basket at the front, or place it in the Prayer Wall in the narthex after worship.

Young children are invited to color and pray using the 5-Finger Prayer bookmark they received from the ushers.

## Music at the Offering

*When Memory Fades*

Eric Nelson

## \*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.**

## \*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.*

## Farewell and Godspeed for Interim Lead Pastor Hans Lee

Tad Gullickson,  
Karen Nelson

## \*Sending Hymn

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

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## \*Blessing and Sending

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

## Sending Music

*Recessional*

Robert Cundick

## 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](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/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.

### 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

**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.

### First Day of Sunday School!

10:40-11:30am | Age 3 - 3rd Grade

1st Floor:      Preschool - Room 100  
2nd Floor:      Kindergarten & 1st Grade - Room 205  
                         Grades 2 & 3 - Room 213

Not Registered? No problem! Join today, all are welcome! Contact Lily at [laskegaard@normluth.org](mailto:laskegaard@normluth.org)

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preacher:** Pastor Hans Lee  
**Liturgist:** Pastor Maria Pederson  
**Organist:** Gregory Peterson  
**Choir:** Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, director  
**Accompanist:** Lorna Wolthoff  
**Cantor:** Mark Johns

**Acolyte:** Jacob Hegrenes  
**Lector:** Karen Eisenbarth  
**Greeters:** Mel Henry, Norm & Judy Teigen  
**Sacristan:** Lisa Schwie  
**Ushers:** Elenkiwich Team