



# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion & Baptism

September 21, 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

*Now We Join in Celebration*

J. S. Bach

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer*

Brett Epperson

## \*Proclamation Hymn

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

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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.**

## Promises of Baptism

**Evelyn Elizabeth Watson Buck**

Daughter of Paul Buck and Katherine Watson Buck

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 Evelyn as God's own, takes delight in her, and surrounds her with love.

Paul and Kate, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Evelyn baptized into Christ?

As you bring Evelyn Elizabeth 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?

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Evelyn 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 Evelyn 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 and 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 Evelyn 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 Candles

## 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.**

## \*Reception of New Members

## Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

## Psalms 113

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the Lord;  
praise the name | of the Lord.

**Let the name of the | Lord be blessed,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its | going down  
let the name of the | Lord be praised.

**The Lord is high a- | bove all nations;  
God's glory a- | bove the heavens.**

Who is like the | Lord our God,  
who sits en- | throned on high,

**but stoops | to behold  
the heavens | and the earth?**

The Lord takes up the weak out | of the dust  
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,

**enthroning them | with the rulers,  
with the rulers | of the people.**

**The Lord makes the woman of a | childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah!**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*

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## \*Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

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

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is

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dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

## Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

### \*Hymn of the Day

*Let Justice Flow like Streams*

ELW 717

### \*Sharing of the Peace

### Music at the Offering

*Light Everlasting*

Olaf C. Christiansen

### \*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

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### \*Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### \*Sanctus

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### \*Words of Institution

### \*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

*Take My Life, That I May Be  
Now We Join in Celebration*

ELW 685

ELW 462

### Communion Blessing

## Blessing of the 4th & 5th Grade Stepping Stones

### \*Sending Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793

### Sending

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

### Sending Music

*Paeon*

Craig Phillips

# 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, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) 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.

### Sunday School

10:40-11:30am | Ages 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 Rebecca Gamble  
**Liturgists:** Jacob Boettcher Belz  
**Organist:** Gregory Peterson  
**Cantor:** Rachael Leadholm  
**Choir:** Normandale Choir  
**Director:** Gregory Peterson  
**Baptismal Deacon:** Kim Pinkham  
**Crucifer:** Travis Mosley

**Lector:** Ann LaPorte  
**Greeters:** Dave Myhre, Chris & Carmen Eide  
**Sacristan:** Edel Henningsen  
**Ushers:** Elenkiwich Team  
**Communion Set Up:** Jonathan Kuehl, Linda VanGuilder, Sarah Howard, Kim Sannerud  
**Communion Servers:** Sue Hendrickson, Pat Lindstrand, Lee Newcomer, Kim Pinkham