



# 75th Anniversary Homecoming Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 28, 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 "St. Anne" I, II, V  
God of Grace*

Paul Manz  
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## 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

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

ELW 705

## \*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

*Glory to God in the Highest*

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

Gracious God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Grant us your grace, and inspire us to care for our neighbors, that we might lead lives of meaning, joy, and abundance, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **Children's Message**

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

## **First Reading**

1 Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

## **Psalm 146**

Hal- | lelujah!  
Praise the Lord, | O my soul!  
**I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;**  
**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**  
Put not your | trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there | is no help.  
**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**  
**and in that day | their thoughts perish.**  
Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;  
**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**  
**who keeps promis- | es forever;**  
who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The Lord sets the | captive free.  
**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;**  
**the Lord | loves the righteous.**  
The Lord cares | for the stranger;  
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.  
**The Lord shall | reign forever,**  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

## **\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*

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## **\*Gospel**

Luke 16:19-31

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

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here,

*(Gospel continued on the next page)*

and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, Father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

## Sermon

Pastor Maria Pederson

## \*Hymn of the Day

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

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## 75th Anniversary Moment

Kristi Shepherd, Dir. of Congregational Engagement

## \*Sharing of the Peace

## Music at the Offering

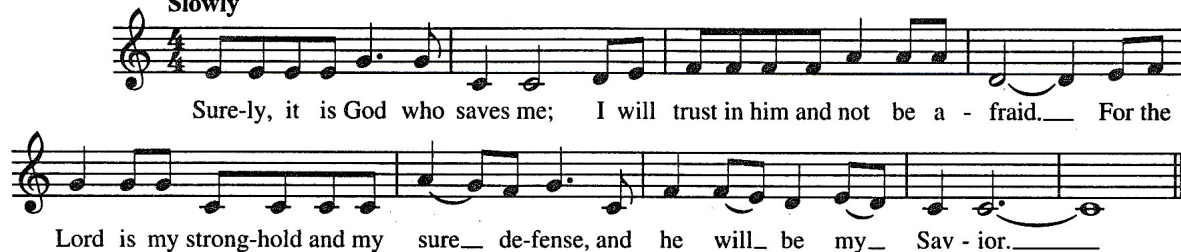
*The First Song of Isaiah*

Jack Noble White

(Congregation joins on the 2nd refrain)

**REFRAIN**

*Slowly*



## \*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

*O God Our Help, in Ages Past*

ELW 632

(Stanza 1: all, 2: treble voices, 3: bass voices, 4: all in harmony, 5 & 6: all)

## \*Blessing and Sending

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

## Sending Music

*Fugue in E-flat Major, "St. Anne"*

J. S. Bach

## 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

### Homecoming Celebration | Fireside Room

#### Join us for Coffee, Cupcakes and Conversation

Connect with friends both old and new! Take a guided tour to hear stories of how the building has been shaped by mission and ministries that reach beyond the walls. Tours depart from the Heritage Display in the narthex.

**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

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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 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.

#### No Sunday School Today - See you next week!

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 Maria Pederson  
**Liturgist:** Pastor Rebecca Gamble  
**Organist:** Gregory Peterson  
**Choir:** Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, director  
**Accompanist:** Lorna Wolthoff

**Cantor:** Amy James  
**Lector:** Karen Newcomer  
**Greeters:** Mel Henry, Norm & Judy Teigen  
**Sacristan/Acolyte:** Kim Sannerud  
**Ushers:** Elenkiwich Team