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Growing Peace

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026 | 9:00 am

NORMANDALE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Pastor Adam White

Presider: Pastor Maria Pederson

Organist: John Stender

Cantor: Allison James

Choirs: Cherub Choir,
Olivia Diercks, Director
Children's & Normandale Choirs,
John Stender, Director

Accompanists:
Angela Anderson, Lorna Wolthoff

Acolyte: Harriet Dodington

Altar Guild: Jim Niemeier,
Susie Baker

Communion Deacons: Rebecca
Gamble, Pat Lindstrand, Kim Pinkham

Greeters: Carmen and Chris Eide,
Susie Baker

Lector: Kim Pinkham

Sacristan: Emily Steuerwald

Ushers: Feyder/Laaksonen Teams



GATHERING

Gathering Music

Excerpts from Partita on *Surge Ecclesia* — David Cherwien

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship — Children's Choir

God Made Me — Michael Jothen

*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.

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*Gathering Hymn — ELW 684

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

*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.

*Kyrie — ELW p. 138

*Hymn of Praise — ELW p. 140

*Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Reading — Genesis 1:1–5, 26–31

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.
For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas
and established it up- | on the rivers.
Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's | holy place?
Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.
They shall receive blessing | from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.
Who is this | King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.
Who is this | King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory.

*Gospel Acclamation

Cherub, Children's & Normandale Choirs

Esmiano olyaHe

by Sakari Loeytti, in the Namibian folk style

Sung in Oshikwanyama, a dialect of Ovambo.

Translation: Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

*Reading — Matthew 6:25–33

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

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — Pastor Adam White

"God Gives"

*Hymn of the Day — ACS 1063

God of the Fertile Fields

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition the congregation responds:
Your mercy is great.

MEAL

*Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ is with you always.
And also with you.

Offering — Normandale Choir

Ehambelelo – Praise, from *Ongumbiro Mass* — Trad. Uukwaluudhi (Namibian)

*Offertory

As the offering is brought forward, children are invited to joyfully being their noisy offering to the front.

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.

GIVE



*Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

ELW p. 144

*Preface

*Sanctus

ELW p. 144

*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.



Communion

Lamb of God

ELW p. 146

Distribution Music

Hymn Prelude on *"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"* — Edwin T. Childs

Distribution Hymn

ELW 826

Thine the Amen

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn
Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

ELW 548

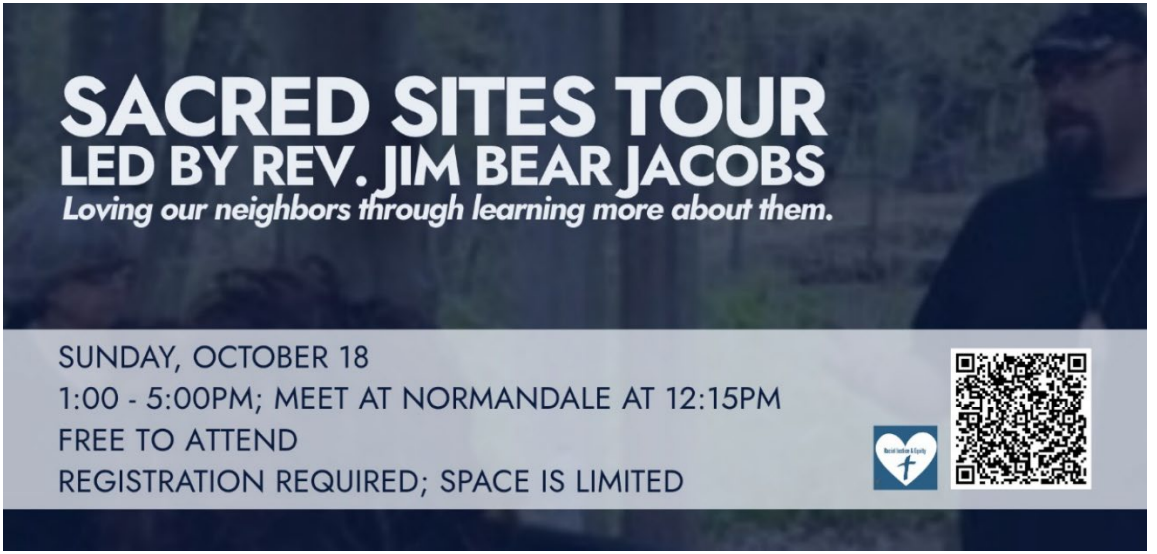
*Dismissal
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONNECT



Sending Music
Toccata on *Surge Ecclesia*

David Cherwien



GENEROSITY CORNER

In the beginning... was generosity!

This month, two formative experiences are available to you free of charge because of generosity.

First, a trip to explore Creation Stories in Art at the **MIA** on **October 7**. Second, a **Sacred Sites** Tour to learn from and about our Native American neighbors on **October 18**.

How do we respond when generosity is given? By gratefully and joyfully signing up to have our lives shaped by incredible experiences. Thanks be to God!

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This Week | October 4 - October 11, 2026

Sunday, October 4

9:00am - 10:00am	Worship in Sanctuary	Sanctuary
10:10am - 11:10am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship	Fireside Room
10:10am – 11:10 am	The Branches: *Thinking Differently About Christian Generosity*	Fellowship Hall
10:10am - 11:10am	Sunday School	Fishbowl, Rooms 205-213
11:15am - 12:00pm	Worship in Chapel	Chapel
7:30pm - 8:30pm	St. Louis Park Sunday Night AA Group	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 6

9:00am - 9:30am	Prayers for Peace	Chapel
10:00am - 12:30pm	Giving Voice Chorus	Rehearsal Room
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Heritage Committee Meeting	Room 208
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Tuesday Night AA	Room 208
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting	Studio A

Wednesday, October 7

9:30am - 11:00am	Wednesday Women's Bible Study	Fireside Room
11:00am - 2:00pm	Creation Stories in Art field trip	Offsite: MIA
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Edina Wednesday Noon Al-Anon	Multi Purpose Room N.
5:00pm - 5:45pm	Cherub & Children's Choirs	Multi Purpose Rooms N. & S.
5:30pm - 6:15pm	Normandale Table	Fellowship Hall
6:15pm - 6:30pm	Community Devotions	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Middle School Ministry	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Normandale Choir	Rehearsal Room
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Young Adult Ministry	Rooms 209-211
7:30pm - 9:30pm	High School Ministry	Fishbowl
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Wooddale Ave AA Meeting	Studio A

Thursday, October 8

9:00am - 10:00am	Pilates with Jen	Studio B
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Brown Bag Bible Study	Fireside Room
5:45pm - 6:45pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Multi Purpose Room N.

Friday, October 9

7:00am - 8:00am	Matin Luther	Fireside Room

Saturday, October 10

9:00am - 10:30am	Saturday Caregiver Education	Room 209
10:30am - Noon	Caregiver Support Group	Rooms 205-206, 212-213

Sunday, October 11

9:00am - 10:00am	Worship in Sanctuary	Sanctuary
10:10am - 11:10am	The Branches: *Guatemala Experience* with 2026 travelers	Fellowship Hall
10:10am - 11:10am	Sunday School	Fishbowl, Rooms 205-213
11:15am - 12:00pm	Worship in Chapel	Chapel
7:30pm - 8:30pm	St. Louis Park Sunday Night AA Group	Fellowship Hall