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Growing Peace

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026 | 11:15 am

NORMANDALE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME!

God gathers us around Word and Sacrament through Scripture, preaching, prayer, Holy Communion, and congregational singing. Worship forms us as disciples and sends us into the world to love and serve our neighbors. We seek to make worship welcoming, inclusive, and accessible for all so everyone can participate at their own level of comfort.

Call & Response

Spoken responses for the congregation will always appear in **bold type** in the bulletin.

Standing Together

An ***asterisk** indicates when the congregation is invited to stand as comfortable during the service.

Holy Communion

All are welcome at Christ's table.

At this service we do Communion by intinction.

If you would prefer to receive Communion in your seat, please remain seated.
If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing instead.

Children are welcome to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents or guardians. While Normandale offers Communion instruction, instruction is not required before receiving Communion.

Options for Worship

Headphones for all ages and Worship Toolkits are available just outside the Chapel.

Floor cushions and coloring sheets are available inside the Chapel. Feel free to move around during worship as you are comfortable.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Prelude on *"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"* Charles Callahan

Words of Welcome

*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 Song ELW 522

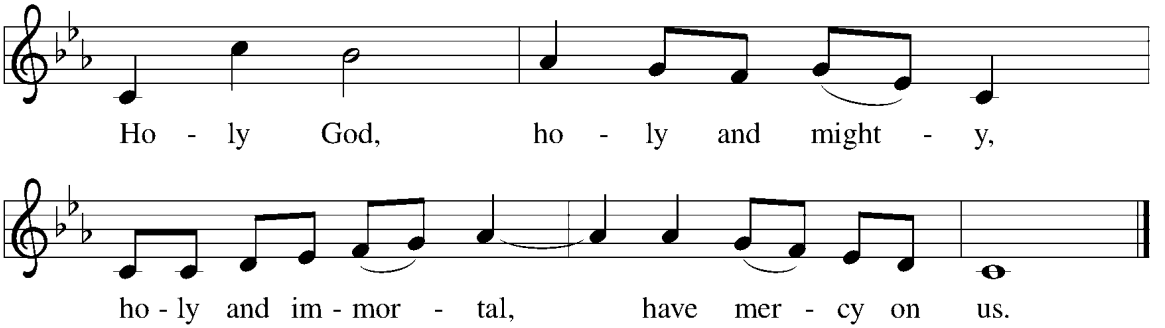
As We Gather at Your Table

*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.

*Holy, Holy, Holy ELW 161



*Prayer of the Day

Generous God,
you bless us with gifts beyond our imagining
and call us to be a blessing to the world.
Open our eyes to recognize all we have received,
fill our hearts with gratitude,
and make us willing participants in your generosity.
Through our lives, our gifts, and our love,
let your blessings flow to those who need them,
that all creation may flourish in your grace;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

Psalm 67 (spoken)

Assisting Minister: May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

Left side: **Let your way be known upon earth,**
your saving health among all nations.

Right side: **Let the peoples praise you, O God;**
let all the peoples praise you.

Assisting Minister: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Left side: **Let the peoples praise you, O God;**
let all the peoples praise you.

Right side: **The earth has brought forth its increase;**
God, our own God, has blessed us.

All: **May God give us blessing,**
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Acclamation

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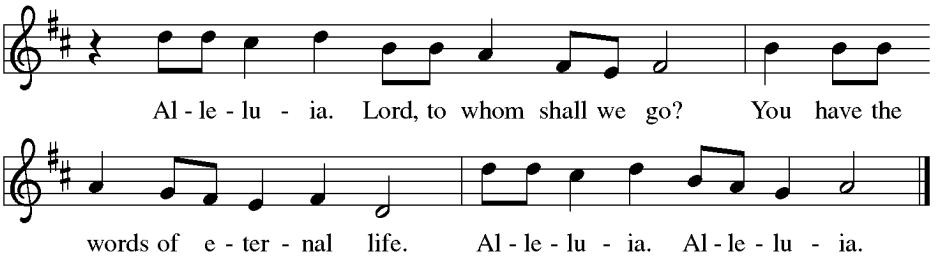

Reading — Genesis 12:1-9

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

Sermon — Pastor Adam White

"God Gives Through Us"

*Hymn of the Day — ELW 678

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*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

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

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.

Eucharistic Prayer and 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

At this service, Communion is received by **intinction**. When your side of the room is invited forward, the pastor will place a wafer in your hand. Please do not eat it immediately. Dip the wafer into either the **wine (red)** or **grape juice (white)**, then eat it. **Gluten-free wafers and gluten-free wine and grape juice are available.**

Distribution Music

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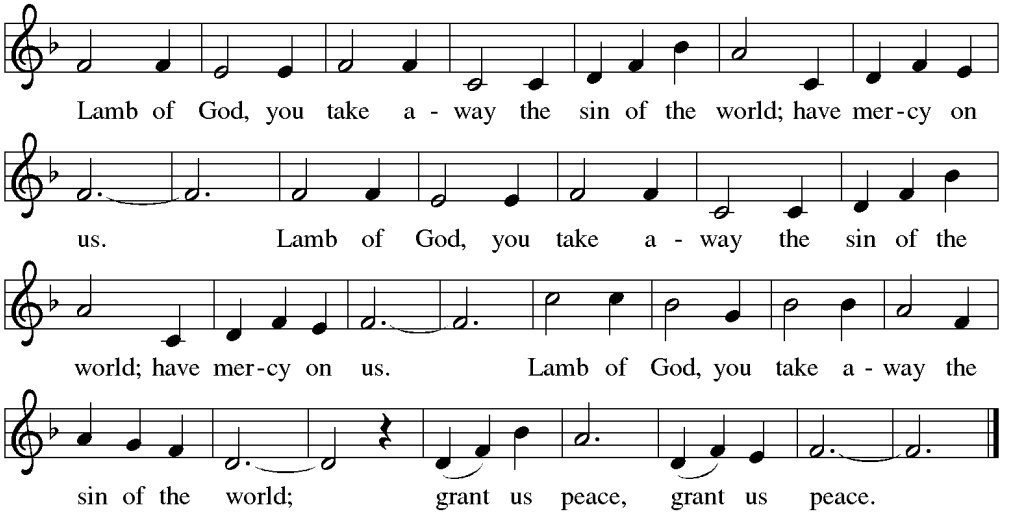
Lamb of God



This is Christ's Body

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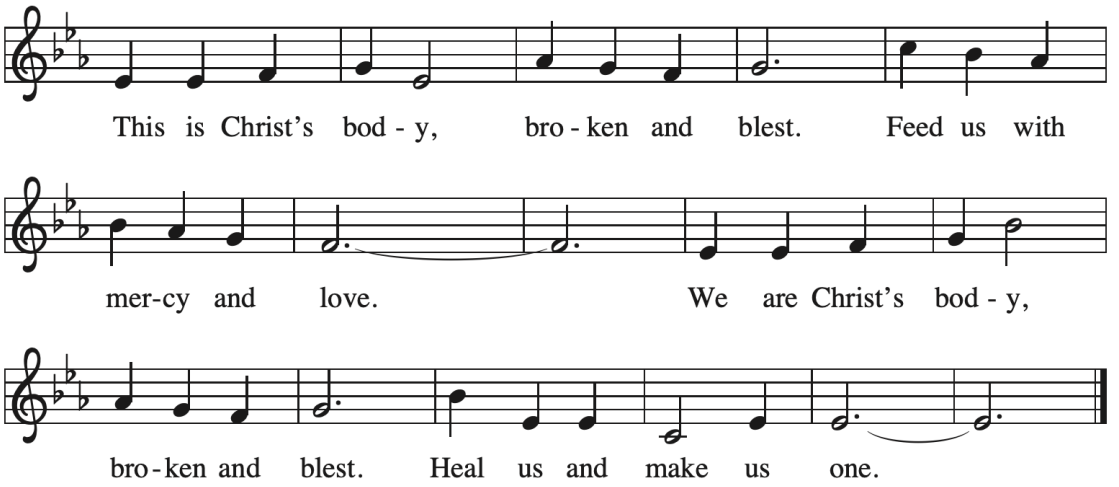

Communion Blessing

SENDING

Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Song ELW 201

Now, Lord

*Dismissal

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

CONNECT

Sending Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher and Presider: Pastor Adam White
Assisting Minister: Sue Mohn
Cantor: John Stender

GENEROSITY CORNER

Our generosity facilitates the organization, preparation & execution (including copyright licensing and print materials), and intergenerational community connection that surrounds making music in the church. It's also true that music in worship itself is one of our best and most treasured responses to God's myriad gifts. A hymn text by Hal Hopson reads, "...Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed." We are called by God, to invoke all that God has done (and will do for us) in creative musical ways. Normandale's musical expressions in worship are borne from the love and promise we share, and they also form us and send us into the world in subtle and affirming ways. Thank you for supporting that formation through prayer, praise, and song!

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This Week | October 18 - October 25, 2026

Sunday, October 18

9:00am - 10:00am	Worship in Sanctuary	Sanctuary
10:10am - 11:10am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship	Fireside Room
10:10am - 11:10am	The Branches: *Death, Dying, & Doing It Well: Unexpected Gifts of Planning Ahead* with Pr. Maria	Fellowship Hall
10:10am - 11:10am	Sunday School	Fishbowl, Rooms 205-213
11:15am - 12:00pm	Worship in Chapel	Chapel
12:15pm - 5:00pm	Sacred Sites Tour	Offsite: bus departs NLC parking lot
4:00pm - 5:30pm	Gustavus Jazz Ensemble concert	Sanctuary
6:30pm - 8:30pm	An Evening of Hope & Resilience with Author Cole Arther Riley	Offsite: St. Andrew Luth. Ch.
7:30pm - 8:30pm	St. Louis Park Sunday Night AA Group	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 20

9:00am - 9:30am	Prayers for Peace	Chapel
10:00am - 12:30pm	Giving Voice Chorus	Rehearsal Room
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Normandale House Meeting	Studio A
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Tuesday Night AA	Room 208

Wednesday, October 21

9:30am - 11:00am	Wednesday Women's Bible Study	Fireside Room
11:30am - 12:30pm	Memory Café	Studio A
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	Creation Care Book Study: *Is a River Alive?*	Fellowship Hall
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
7:30pm - 9:30pm	High School Ministry	Fishbowl
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Wooddale Ave AA Meeting	Studio A

Thursday, October 22

9:00am - 10:00am	Pilates with Jen	Studio B
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Brown Bag Bible Study	Fireside Room
2:00pm - 2:45pm	Grace Hospice Remembrance Service	Sanctuary
5:45pm - 6:45pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Multi Purpose Room N.
6:30pm - 7:15pm	Grace Hospice Remembrance Service	Sanctuary

Friday, October 23

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

Sunday, October 25

9:00am - 10:00am	Worship in Sanctuary	Sanctuary
10:10am - 11:10am	The Branches: *Death, Dying, & Doing It Well: The Long Goodbye Begins Now: Legacy* with Rev. Katie Jorgensen	Fell. 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