

Epiphany 2023

# Listening TO GOD'S VOICE

January 29, 2023  
Worship | 9:30 am



\* Congregational responses in **bold**

## Gathering Music

*Let Streams of Living Justice* (ELW 710)

arr. Lee J. Afdahl

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

*Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

arr. Kevin McChesney

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**

Hear the voice of God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of Christ our Savior.

**Amen**

## Gathering Hymn

*Christ, Be Our Light* (stanzas 1, 2, 5)

ELW 715

## 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

*This is the Feast*

ELW page 149

## Prayer of the Day

**As people in the crowd, O God, we gather before you. We know not why we came, but only that your Son, Jesus is speaking to us. We will listen, alongside every other poor, mournful, pure, and persecuted human who longs to know they are worthy of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen**

## First Reading

Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,  
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;

they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the Lord.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.**

**They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.**

**Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:20b-29

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?*

ELW page 151

## Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

“A Mishmash of Everybody”

Pastor Paul Pettersen

## Hymn of the Day

*Lord Whose Love in Humble Service* (stanzas 1, 2, 4)

ELW 712

## Thanks for Your Generosity

### Sharing of the Peace

**Music at the Offering**     *The Light of God's Love*

arr. Mark Burrows

### 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 Doxology.)*

### Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing

*The pastors and a deacon will be awaiting those who are in need of the laying on of hands and prayer for healing. After receiving communion, feel free to come to a station to receive this gift.*

#### 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

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

ELW 153

#### 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

*Lamb of God*

ELW 154

#### Distribution Hymn

*God Bless to Us Our Bread*

*O God of Mercy, God of Light*

ACS 1056

ELW 714

#### Communion Blessing

#### Sending Hymn

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* (stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6)

ELW 873

#### Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### Sending Music

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Michael Burkhardt

# WELCOME TO NORMANDALE



## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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. Please sign the "Connect" pad in the pew so we can reach out to you!

## LOOKING TO GET CONNECTED?



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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 congregation. Visit [normluth.org/livestream](http://normluth.org/livestream) to watch from wherever you are.

**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

## NLC Kids

**Nursery Care** is available every Sunday morning for children between the ages of 6 months and 4 years from 9:20 - 11:30am. The Nursery is located on the first floor and is staffed by licensed preschool teachers. Please use this opportunity for your children to meet some new friends at Normandale!

**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.

**Busy Bags** filled with quiet activities are hanging outside the main entrance of the sanctuary.

**Bulletins & Coloring Sheets** are located on a table outside of 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 support the Children's Ministry and be collected every Sunday.

## Sunday School | 10:40-11:20am

Pre K & K - Room 110  
Grades 1 & 2 - Multi Purpose Room South  
Grades 3 & 4 - Rehearsal Room

## WAYS TO GIVE

**Online:** [normluth.org/give](http://normluth.org/give).

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# WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider:	Pastor Paul Pettersen
Liturgist:	Pastor Ian McConnell
Organist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Choirs:	Boy's and Girl's, Handbells
Cantor:	Cole Carpenter
Children's Choir Director:	Ruth Oliphant
Children's Choir Accompanist:	Angela Anderson
Handbell Choir Director:	Lorna Wolthoff
Acolytes:	Bergen Johnson, Duncan Kluis, Ava Ingvaldson
Communion Set Up:	Martha Taylor
Communion Deacons:	Jenny Bock, Pat Linstrand, Kati Salmon, Kim Sannerud
Lector:	Arne Selbyg
Greeters:	Norman & Judy Teigen
Ushers:	Chin Team

## **We Need You**

to help make Sunday happen! Our volunteers make worship possible. Interested in learning more about the ways you can serve or want to sign up? Contact Kim Sannerud at [ksannerud@normluth.org](mailto:ksannerud@normluth.org) or 952.977.9380