

Epiphany 2023

# Listening TO GOD'S VOICE

February 5, 2023  
Worship | 9:30 am



\* Congregational responses in **bold**

## Gathering Music

*Praeludium in G Minor*

Dieterich Buxtehude

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

*Freut euch und jubiliert*

Sethus Calvisius

Rejoice exultantly; In Bethlehem there you shall find the long awaited Jesus Child, who shall your joy and wonder be.

## 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

*Gather Us In*

ELW 532

## 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

**Spirit of truth, you claim us with blessing, and call us "the salt of the earth." Now, remove all blandness from our living! Where we are yoked to injustice, empty rituals, and fear, instead yoke us to community, solidarity, and risk-taking love. Repair the breach between our hearts. And through us, build strong bones, watered gardens, and shining streets restored. Amen**

*(Significantly adapted from a Prayer written by Rev. Rachel Young Binter as part of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN Expansive Prayer Project. Used by permission.)*

## First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

*Where Riches Is Everlastingly*

Bob Chilcott

## Gospel Acclamation

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

ELW page 151

## Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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## Sermon

"Salty"

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

## Hymn of the Day

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 715

## Thanks for Your Generosity

## Sharing of the Peace

## Music at the Offering

*Love Bade Me Welcome*

David Hurd

## 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

### 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

### Anthem

*Selig sind die Toten*

Heinrich Schütz

Blessed are the dead, that die in the Lord from now on. Yea, the spirit speaks:  
They rest from their labors and their works follow them.

### Distribution Hymn

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

ELW 470

### Communion Blessing

### Sending Hymn

*To Be Your Presence*

ELW 546

### Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Chorale Postlude

*O Lord God*

Pavel Chesnokov

## 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

### WAYS TO GIVE

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### 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

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider:  
Liturgist:  
Organist  
Choir:  
Acolytes:  
Communion Set Up:  
Communion Deacons:  
Lector:  
Greeters:  
Ushers:  
Sacristan:

Pastor Rebecca Gamble  
Pastor Paul Pettersen  
Gregory Peterson  
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Liam Henningsen  
Jonathan Kuehl & Linda Van Guilder  
Wendi Breuer, Bert Ledder, Susan Sackrison  
Lucia Feyder  
Norman & Judy Teigen  
Laaksonen team  
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### 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