



*Lent 2023*

# *Listening* TO EACH OTHER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 26 / 9:30 AM WORSHIP



\* Congregational responses in **bold**

## Gathering Music

*O Humanity, Lament Your Great Sin*

J. S. Bach

## Words of Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

Most holy and merciful God,

**we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

*All are invited to the altar to receive the imposition of ashes as confession of our mortality and need for God's grace, and a proclamation of Christ's presence with and for us in the cross. You will hear the words,*

*"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

**First Reading**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.****Psalm 32**

Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!

**Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.**

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ*

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**Gospel**

Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.***(Gospel continued on the next page)*

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

"Listening to Temptation"

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

## **Hymn of the Day**

*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*  
(Stanza 1, Lent 1 Stanza, and Lent 5 Stanza)

ACS 334

## **Thanks for Your Generosity**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

## **Music at the Offering**

*Ubi Caritas*

Becki Slagle Mayo

## **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.)*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Faith Marker: 5 finger prayer led by the Pre-K & Kindergarten Sunday School class.*

## **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.**

## **New Member Welcome**

*Jack, Jamie, Beau and Isabelle Breckner  
Dominique, Emma and August Harrington  
Brad Beale and Bridget Keenan  
Doug and Ginny Nimmo*

## **Sending Hymn**

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

ELW 326

## **Blessing and Sending**

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Sending Music**

*Grand Chorus*

Alexandre Guilmant

## 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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Normandale Lutheran Church  
Normandale Lutheran Youth



[normluthchurch](https://www.instagram.com/normluthchurch)  
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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

**Online:** [normluth.org/give](http://normluth.org/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:	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Liturgists:	Pastors Ian McConnell and Paul Pettersen
Organist:	Gregory Peterson
Cantor:	Mairi Doom
Choir:	Boys & Girls Choir
Choir Director:	Ruth Oliphant
Choir Accompanist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Acolyte:	Lucia Feyder
Lector:	Kim Pinkham
Greeter:	Shirley Ramberg
Ushers:	Feyder Team

### We Need You

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