



Lent 2023

Listening TO EACH OTHER



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 5 / 9:30 AM WORSHIP

* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

Concerto in A Minor: Andante

J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

As the Winter Days Grow Longer

Mel Bringle/Welsh Melody

Confession and Forgiveness

Together we offer our confession, as we enter into worship...

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

God Loved the World (Stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

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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

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Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, through your Holy Spirit you call us together to love, learn, worship and serve. Give us the courage of the seeker to live with curiosity of spirit, and to receive your guidance. Strengthen our faith, remind us of your love, and make us open to your Spirit in and around us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?

**My help comes | from the Lord,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

The Lord will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

the Lord watches | over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;

**the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**

The Lord will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

**The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ

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Gospel

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel reading in John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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Sermon

"Listening to the Seeker"

Pastor Ian McConnell

Thanks for Your Generosity and Sharing of the Peace**Music at the Offering***God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

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

*Today we celebrate Jacob Hegrenes, Hattie Ilten, Morgan Goldstein, Elsa Melin,
 Felicity Shiek and Bergen Utne who have completed First Communion instruction.*

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

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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

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Distribution Hymns*Restore in Us, O God*

ELW 328

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW 468

Communion Blessing**Sending Hymn***Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

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Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sending Music*Fugue from Sonata No. 6*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

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!

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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 to watch from wherever you are.

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Hearing Devices are available to enhance your worship experience. Please ask an usher if you need assistance

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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 Ian McConnell
Liturgist:	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Organist/Choir Director:	Gregory Peterson
Choir:	Normandale
Cantor:	Amy James
Acolytes:	Duncan Kluis, Marie Henningsen, Maren Ohe
Communion Set Up:	Pam Werley
Communion Deacons:	Jim Granquist, Sue Hendrickson, Pat Lindstrand, Kim Pinkham
Lector:	Ayla Kluis
Greeters:	Norm & Judy Teigen
Ushers:	Elenkiwich Team
Sacristan:	Edel Henningsen

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 or 952.977.9380