



*Lent 2023*

# *Listening* TO EACH OTHER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 19 / 9:30 AM WORSHIP



\* Congregational responses in **bold**

## Gathering Music

*Andante from Sonata No. 4*

J. S. Bach

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

English Folk Tune

## 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

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

ELW 324

## 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

**God of vision, you provide restoration and community to your people. Help us to trust in your promise of belonging and belovedness as we too receive vision anew from Jesus. Amen.**

## First Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

You restore my | soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

## Gospel Acclamation

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

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## Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

## Sermon

"I Once Was Blind"

Pastor Ian McConnell

## Hymn of the Day

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5) ELW. 779

## Thanks for Your Generosity

## Sharing of the Peace

## Music at the Offering

*The Lord Is My Shepherd from Requiem*

John Rutter

## 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 Offertory Response)*

## 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

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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 Hymn

*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*

ELW 815

### Communion Blessing

### Sending Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793

### Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

### Sending Music

*Amazing Grace*

Arr. George Shearing

## 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

**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 - 11:20am. 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.

**NO Sunday School today or March 26th.**  
Enjoy your Spring Break!

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider:	Pastor Ian McConnell
Liturgist:	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Organist/Choir Director:	Gregory Peterson
Choir:	Normandale
Cantor:	Ann Kinney
Instrumentalist:	Angela Anderson, oboe
Acolytes:	Hudson Hein, Sophie Hein
Communion Set Up:	Jonathan Kuehl, Linda Van Guilder
Communion Deacons:	Bert Ledder, Pam Werley
Lector:	Arne Selbyg
Greeters:	Susie Baker
Ushers:	Elenkiwich Team
Sacristan:	Lisa Schwie

### 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