

THE SEASON OF *Easter*

REAWAKENING INTO COMMUNITY



Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion | April 16, 2023 | 9:30am

* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain
Christians, to the Paschal Victim*

Wilbur Held
Held

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing
15th Century Easter Hymn*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ELW 363

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

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Prayer of the Day

God of resurrection, ground us in your wounds, for it is there that we find you revealed. When we are tentative, give us courage. When we are fractured, grant us wholeness. When we are isolated and hiding in fear, stand among us, unite us, and fill us with your peace. We pray in the name of Jesus, our living hope. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Miriam Samuelson-Roberts as a part of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Expansive Prayer Project.

First Reading

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names up on my lips.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

**You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Luke 24:36-48

The Holy Gospel reading in Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Reawakening into Commune-ity" Pastor Rebecca Gamble

Hymn of the Day *The Risen Christ* ELW 390

Thanks for Your Generosity

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* J. S. Bach

Noisy Offering | Offertory Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Alleluia Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia (2)
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia (5)

(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 Page 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

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Distribution Hymn *Now the Green Blade Rises* ELW 379

Communion Blessing

Sending Hymn *Thine Is the Glory* ELW 376

Blessing and Sending

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

Sending Music *Improvisation on Hymn to Joy* Gregory Peterson

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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.

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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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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.

Sunday School | 10:40-11:20am

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

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