

THE SEASON OF *Easter*

REAWAKENING INTO COMMUNITY

Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Baptism | April 23, 2023 | 9:30am



* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music *With High Delight* (2 settings) Charles Ore/Ernst Pepping

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship *Peace Like a River* Sunday School Pre K & Kindergarten Class

Processional Hymn *With High Delight Let Us Unite* ELW 368

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* Page 149

Promises of Baptism **Palmer Frances Loving**, daughter of Scott & Christine Loving
Cora Naomi Woods, daughter of Elizabeth Woods
Charles Wendell Holman Holt, son of John & Leslie Holt

In mercy and love, God gives new birth to all into a living hope through the promises of baptism. Recognizing our human need, we celebrate God's dependable goodness, infinite new starts, and continued claim on our lives. Today, we especially celebrate that God claims Charles, Palmer and Cora as God's own, takes delight in them, and surrounds them with love.

Scott & Christine, Elizabeth, John & Leslie called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?
Response: We do.

As you bring Charles, Palmer and Cora, to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, to bring them to Jesus' sacred meal, to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, nurturing them in faith and grounding them in prayer, so that they will learn to trust God, proclaim Christ, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help them grow in their Christian faith and life?
Response: We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Charles, Palmer and Cora, in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the promise of baptism and to live among God's faithful people.
Response: We do.

Dear People of God, do you promise to surround Charles, Palmer and Cora with love and grace, and pray for them in their life in Christ?
Response: We do.

Apostle's Creed

Do you believe in God the Father? **We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Baptism

Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you claim your children as your own. Sustain Charles, Palmer and Cora with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the awe of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Welcome

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: **Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Together, with our applause, let us welcome our siblings in Christ!

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Psalm 116

I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
for the Lord has given | ear to me
whenever | I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:

"O Lord, I pray you, | save my life."

How shall I re- | pay the Lord
for all the good things God has | done for me?

I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God's people.

Precious in your | sight, O Lord,
is the death | of your servants.

O Lord, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God's people,

in the courts of | the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

Gospel Acclamation

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

Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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Sermon

"At Every Table"

Pastor Paul Pettersen

Hymn of the Day

Look Who Gathers At Christ's Table
(Stanza 1 - choir, stanzas 3, 4 all)

ACS 977

Thanks for Your Generosity**Sharing of the Peace****Music at the Offering**

Awake, My Heart

Carolyn Jennings

Noisy Offering | Offertory Response

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

(Children are invited to cheerfully bring their "Noisy Offering" to the front during the Offertory Response)

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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.

Sending Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543

Blessing and Sending

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

Sending Music

Fantasy in G Major

J.S. Bach

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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. 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.

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

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

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