

THE SEASON OF *Easter*

REAWAKENING INTO COMMUNITY



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

* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

The Lord's My Shepherd
All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Lee J. Afdahl
arr. Jason W. Krug

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Alleluia

arr. Sondra Tucker

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

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

ELW 369

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

O God our shepherd, **you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

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Gospel

John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel reading in Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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Sermon

"Listen to the Sheep"

Pastor Ian McConnell

Hymn of the Day

Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom

ACS 1064

Thanks for Your Generosity

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Andrew Culverwell

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. 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

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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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764

Sending

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

Sending Music

*Toccata on Praise God,
From Whom all Blessings Flow*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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.

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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.

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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.

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:	Lorna Wolthoff
Cantor:	Liam Henningsen
Choirs:	Boy's & Girl's Choir, Normandale Bells
Choir Director:	Ruth Oliphant
Choir Accompanist:	Angela Anderson
Communion Set Up:	Jonathan Kuehl
Communion Deacons:	Karen & Lee Newcomer, Kim Pinkham
Acolyte:	Bergen Johnson
Lector:	Maren Ohe
Greeters:	Norm & Judy Tiegen, Dave Myhre
Sacristan:	Cindy Nelson
Ushers:	Sannerud 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 or 952.977.9380