

*Easter* AT NORMANDALE

REAWAKENING  
INTO COMMUNITY



**EASTER SUNDAY**

**NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

APRIL 9, 2023 | 9:30 AM WORSHIP

# 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.

## WORSHIP WITH US

**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.

**Livestream** of NLC services are available for those who are away or unable to attend worship providing an option for participation in the regular worship life of our congregation. Livestream can be found on the NLC website at [www.normluth.org/livestream](http://www.normluth.org/livestream)

### NLC Kids

**Prayground** is located at the front of the sanctuary. Our "prayground" is filled with quiet toys and comfy seating, available for the littlest in our midst and their caregivers.

**Activity bags & coloring sheets** are available at the main entrance to the Sanctuary.

**Noisy Offering** Children are invited to cheerfully bring their "Noisy Offering" to the front during the Offertory Response.

OUR WORSHIP this Easter day ushers in a season of celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a season filled with Alleluias! The Alleluia, absent from our Lenten worship and symbolically buried outside, returns. Watch for it during the processional hymn. Alleluia is THE WORD for Easter and we will sing it and shout it today and through the seven Sundays of the Easter season.



We have joy in sharing this ritual celebration of God's new life around and within us. Come celebrate new life this Easter!

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 9, 2023 | 9:30 AM

## PRELUDE:

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

Mark Sedio

“In Thee Is Gladness”

J. S. Bach

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

Healey Willan

## GATHERING

Congregational responses in **bold**

\* Please stand, as you are comfortable

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

(ELW 365)

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### \*GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

### \*KYRIE:

(Pages 147-148)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Response: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of seismic power, shake, rattle, and roll us from our slumbering souls. Make us eager to see where your Risen One will meet us, in our friends and neighbors, in our work and in our play, in the surprise encounters that restore us to community with all of God's people, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen

WORD

ANTHEM: "Christ Is Risen! (He Is Risen Indeed!)" Helen Kemp

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "S.H.E.E.P." Pastor Rebecca Gamble

HYMN: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (ELW 389)



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

PSALM: 118:1-2, 14-24 (sung responsively)

Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;  
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

**Let Israel | now declare,  
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

The Lord is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!**

The right hand of the Lord | is exalted!  
The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"

**I shall not | die, but live,  
and declare the works | of the Lord.**

The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.**

"This is the gate | of the Lord;  
here the righ- | teous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me  
and you have become | my salvation.**

The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

**By the Lord has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

**This is the day that the | Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.**

SECOND READING:

Colossians 3:1-4

\*GOSPEL PROCESSION:

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

(ELW 172)

(Sung before and after the reading of the Gospel)

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le - lu-jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

P: The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew.  
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

**\*GOSPEL:**

Matthew 28:1-10

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON:**

“Reawakening Into Community”

Pastor Paul Pettersen

**\*HYMN:**

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

(ELW 379)



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

**\*NICENE CREED:**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*\*SHARING OF THE PEACE:*

*OFFERING:*

- To give securely via text message, text your gift amount to 952-260-5601 and follow the prompts.
- To give via mobile app, download the app, "ShelbyNEXT | Giving." Select Normandale Lutheran Church (55436).
- To give via debit or credit card visit [www.normluth.org/give](http://www.normluth.org/give).



*ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING:* "Alleluia"

Randall Thompson

*\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE:* Doxology (tune: LASST UNS ERFREUN)

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)!

## PRAYERS | SENDING

*\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:*

*\*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.**

*\*BLESSING:*

*\*HALLELUJAH CHORUS:* Congregation & Choir George Frideric Handel  
*(Please leave your copy in the pew.)*

*\*DISMISSAL:*

**P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.**  
**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*\*POSTLUDE:* "Fifth Symphony for Organ: Toccata"

Charles Marie Widor

## WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING	Pastor Paul Pettersen
LITURGISTS	Pastors Rebecca Gamble and Ian McConnell
ORGANIST	Gregory Peterson
CANTOR	Meghan McCabe
CHOIRS	Normandale Brass, Cherub Choir, Normandale Choir
DIRECTOR OF CHERUB CHOIR	Ruth Oliphant
ACCOMPANIST CHERUB CHOIR	Angela Anderson
DIRECTOR OF NORMANDALE CHOIR	Gregory Peterson
ACCOMPANIST NORMANDALE CHOIR	Lorna Wolthoff
ACOLYTE	Maggie Musolf
CRUCIFER	Gene Diaz
SACRISTAN	Cindy Nelson
USHERS	Bruce & Maren Kleven, John Nibe, Kim & Bob Sannerud, Blake Levin



### OUR MISSION

Led by the Holy Spirit and living in God's grace, Normandale Lutheran Church is a community proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through love, learning, worship, and service.

### NLC WELCOMING STATEMENT

We affirm that all people are created in the image of God, and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all people into full participation in the life and ministries of Normandale Lutheran Church.

We celebrate that there are differences among us, and believe that we can love one another, even though we may not think alike. We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church and society.

Normandale Lutheran Church is committed to a ministry of reconciliation. We welcome and affirm our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, socioeconomic status, physical and mental ability. We embrace this diversity as a gift from God, and invite all into a faithful journey toward greater love, understanding, and reconciliation.