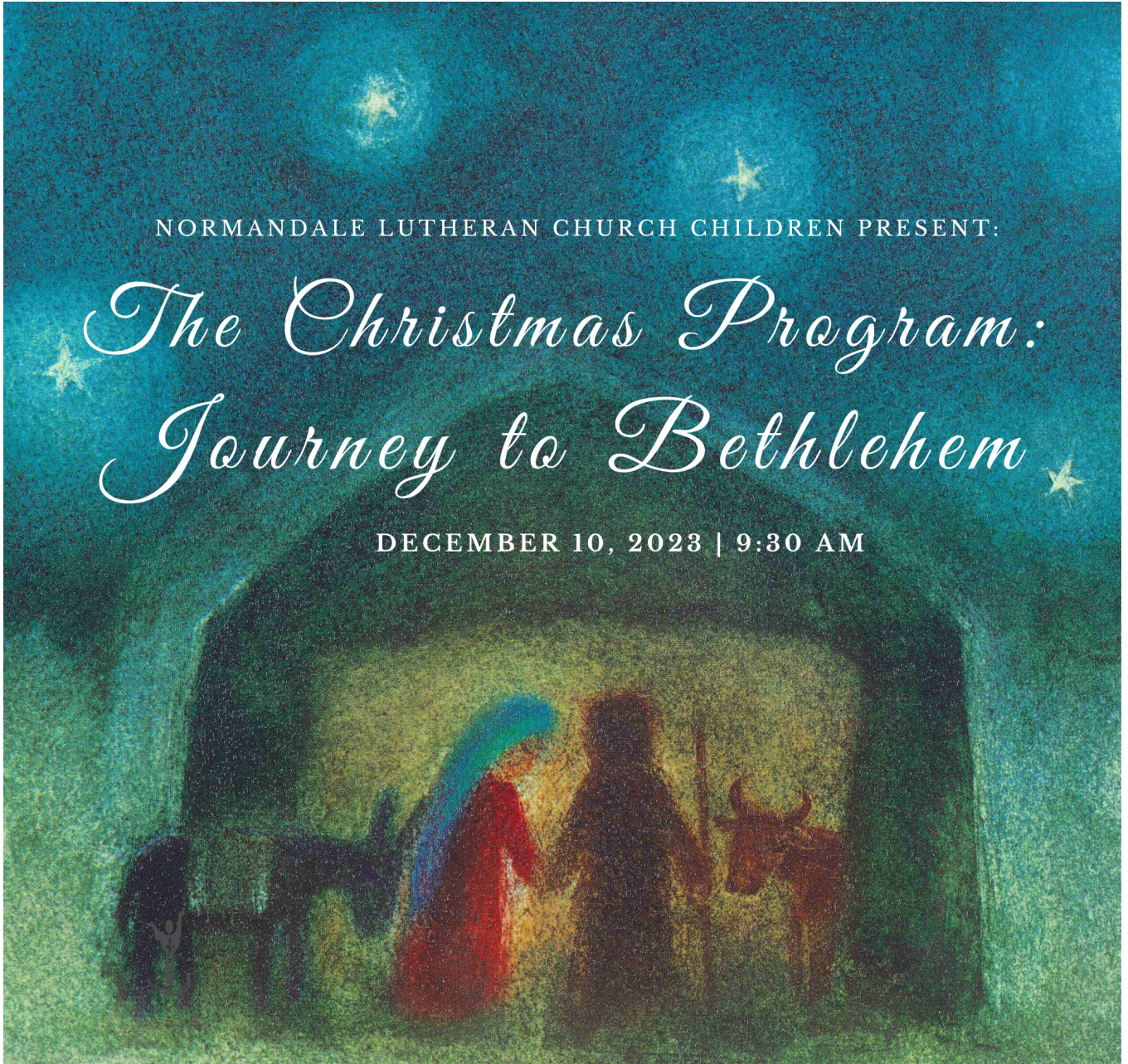


NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH CHILDREN PRESENT:

*The Christmas Program:
Journey to Bethlehem*

DECEMBER 10, 2023 | 9:30 AM



Words of Welcome

Bringing of the Light

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanzas 1 & 2)

ELW257

Confession and Forgiveness

God of shadows and light, our thoughts are not your thoughts. Our ways are not your ways.
Hear our confession. Heal our hearts. Forgive our sins.

(silence)

In Jesus you call us to hope,
that your justice will prevail –that the hungry will be fed and the lowly lifted up.

In Jesus you call us to faith,
in the mystery of your Presence in the world, and the truth that nothing will be impossible with you.

In Jesus you reveal your love,
that we might love more fully and know how deeply we are loved.

In Jesus you reveal your power,
a power with and for the vulnerable; a power held in mercy and grace.

In Jesus you call us to joy,
a joy that can hold the world's grief and its beauty.

(silence)

In the light of the Christ child, in the shadow of the Most High,
we make our confession and receive your forgiveness.

Amen.

“The Journey to Bethlehem”

First Narration

Hanging the Greens

Welcome Carols

Anthem

Hymn

Norwegian Dance Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Dolores Hruby

ELW 283

Second Narration

Lighting the Candles

Candlelight Carols

Song

Song

Patapan

Joy to the World

Sunday School Grades 3 and 4

All children

Third Narration

Gathering at the Manger

Manger Carols

Song

Song

Angels We Have Heard on High

Away in a Manger

with Cherub Choir

All children

Fourth Narration

Following The Star

Star Carols

Song

Song

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Go Tell It on the Mountain! (Congregation stanza 2)

Sunday School Grades Pre-K and K

ELW 290

Fifth Narration

Welcoming the Gift of Jesus

Love Carols

Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter (stanzas 1 and Last)

Sunday School Grades 1 and 2

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

ELW 270

Reading

Ruth 1:1-9, 14-16

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

Homily

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

Thanks for your Generosity

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Paul Manz

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.
This offering will help Every Meal in their fight to end child hunger.

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 and Sending

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

Sending Music

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Georg Böhm

Welcome to Normandale



We're Glad You're Here!

Led by the Holy Spirit and living in God's grace, 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 Participants

Liturgist:	Pastor Paul Pettersen
Organist:	Gregory Peterson
Acolyte:	Wyatt Pence
Light Bearers:	Connie Hondl and Dot Olson
Greeters:	Chris & Carmen Eide, David Myhre
Ushers:	Kemme Team

Program Participants

Directors:	Lily Askegaard, Angie Askegaard, Emerson Clay, Sydney Schroeder
Accompanist:	Angela Anderson, Diane Lindquist
Choirs:	Cherub Choir, Children's Choir, Sunday School Children
Mary:	Annika McCutcheon
Elizabeth:	Mairi Doom
Baby Jesus:	Freia and Gieda Moen
Narrator:	Addy Steuerwald
Speakers:	
Hanging the Greens:	Ellie Sarles, Harriet Doddington, Grace Borg, Evie Hein
Gathering at the Manger:	Maxim Komarenko, Hattie Loving, Marlow McLain, Arthur Doddington, Henley McLain
Following the Star:	Inga Ohe, Amelia Douglas, Addi Schlosser, Georgie Loving

COWS: Thea Bloom, Charlotte Crouse, Kallen Hall, Jackson Milne, Daria Moen, Jack Potter, Max Rynda, Dylan Thiss, Reese Wild, Penny Bloom, Leo Kleven, Dominic LaPorte, Nathan Lukaska, Kieran Petz, Sebastian Plank, Grace Sletten, Quinn Schlosser, Henry Zehringer, Hudson Dahlman, Boen Jacobson, Max Kleven, Georgie Loving

Sheep: Stella Allen, Celia Moen, Maisie Neuger, Maddie Presthus, Ellie Steuerwald, Nick Seltz, Martin Shea, Lola Wild, William Borg, Caroline Crouse, Peter Clifford, Loren Diley, Arthur Doddington, Leona Hall, Jack Kasner, Samantha McCabe, Henley McClain, Sophie Ouska, Lily Schlect, Grace Westin, Kaia Wild

Donkeys: Winston Allen, Connor Dahlman, Joey Ilten, Luke Kleven, Frankie LaPorte, Grace Lynch, Elsie Moen, Hadley Petz, Henry Shea, Ingrid Shiek, Caroline Thiss, Annie Wild

Angels: Grace Borg, Harriet Doddington, Evie Hein, Hattie Ilten, Evie Jacobson, Hattie Loving, Marlow McLain, Viv Meixelsperger, Charlotte Ouska, Ellie Sarles, Evy Seltz, Mairi Doom, Amelia Douglas, Annika McCutcheon, Callie Monnot, Wren Nordin, Inga Ohe, Addi Schlosser, Addy Steuerwald

Shepherds: Jack Clifford, Everett Plank, Grady Schlosser, Morgan Goldstein, Henry Piepho, Maxim Komarenko, Liam Ouska, Henry Piepho, Alex Ouska

Cherub Choir: Stella Allen, Winston Allen, William Borg, Peter Clifford, Loren Diley, Arthur Doddington, Julianna Graham, Britta Gunderson, Leona Hall, Linnea Heidenreich, Jack Kasner, Georgie Loving, Henry Lucas, Teddy Lucas, Samantha McCabe, Henley McLain, Elsie Moen, Celia Moen, Maisie Neuger, Sophie Ouska, Hadley Petz, Maddie Presthus, Ellie Steuerwald, Grace Westin, Kaia Wild, Lindy Wild

Boy's and Girls Choir: Chase Anderson, Charlie Anderson, Grace Borg, Jack Clifford, Harriet Doddington, Mairi Doom, Amelia Douglas, Evie Hein, Maxim Komarenko, Hattie Loving, Annika McCutcheon, Marlow McLain, Vivyan Meixelsperger, Callie Monnot, Tyler Nelson Jr., Wren Nordin, Inga Ohe, Alex Ouska, Charlotte Ouska, Liam Ouska, Henry Piepho, Ellie Sarles, Addi Schlosser, Addy Steuerwald