

The Baptism of Our Lord



* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord* J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Gathering Music *Bell Toll*

Processional Hymn *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* ELW 314
(Please stand and face the cross)

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.

Promises of Baptism **Melinda Markell**
Ezekiel & Henry Steele
Sons of Reed Steele & Julie Samson

Our God, fountain of mercy and love, 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 Melinda, Ezekiel, and Henry as God's own, takes delight in them, and surrounds them with love.

Melinda, you come to this day in joy. We receive you as God's child and welcome you into our community of faith. As you stand before us, we give thanks to God for you, and ask you, do you desire to be baptized?
Response: I do

Reed & Julie, 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 your children, 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 Melinda, Ezekiel, Henry, in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them to 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 Melinda, Ezekiel, and Henry with love and grace, and pray for them in their new 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 Melinda, Ezekiel, Henry 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: giving thanks, 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!

Hymn

They Holy Wings (Stanza 1)

ELW 613

Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

**the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

The voice | of the Lord
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are | crying, "Glory!"

**O Lord, give strength | to your people;
give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace.**

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel reading according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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Sermon

"And God Said, 'I am Going to Make a Child'"

Pastor Paul Pettersen

Hymn of the Day

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
(All sing the refrain. Choir sings the verses)

ACS 942

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

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

Kristina Langlois

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.**

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

Prayers of the People

Congregational response following each prayer petition:

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

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (Stanzas 1, 2, 5, & 6)

ELW 308

Blessing and Sending

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

Sending Music

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Johann Pachelbel

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.

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.

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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.

Holy Communion is offered during worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

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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

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Sunday School resumes next Sunday!

January 14 | 10:40-11:20am

First Floor:

Pre K & Kindergarten - Room 100

3rd Floor:

Grades 1 & 2 - Children's Choir Room

Grades 3 & 4 - Multi Purpose Room North

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