

Normandale  
Lutheran  
Church



Edina, Minnesota

# Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

January 28, 2024 | 9:30 am

\* Congregational responses in **bold**

## Gathering Music

*Voluntary in D  
There Is a Balm in Gilead*

William Croft  
Richard Billingham

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

*One Little Candle*

Audrey Snyder

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

Let us confess our sin before God and each other,

**God, our light and our truth, we are your children wayward and wandering. We say we seek you, but are easily distracted. We long to be near you, but navigate life on our own. We have not recognized the Holy Spirit in each other, refusing to love, as you have loved us. We humbly confess our sin and ask your forgiveness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time for grace is now! In Jesus, God's reign has come near, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved and with you God is well-pleased.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

ELW 876

## 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

*Glory to God in the Highest*

ELW Page 148

## Prayer of the Day

**God of all generations, you call us to nurture faith in our young, guiding them in your way, and walking with them in faith. We give you thanks for all of the children you have entrusted to us, and vow to provide a community where they know that they are safe, they are loved, and they are free, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with | my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

**Great are your | works, O Lord,  
pondered by all who de- | light in them.**

Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

**You cause your wonders to | be remembered;  
you are gracious and full | of compassion.**

You give food to | those who fear you,  
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

**You have shown your people the power | of your works  
in giving them the lands | of the nations.**

The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;  
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
because they are done in | truth and equity.**

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;  
holy and awesome | is your name.

**The fear of the Lord is the begin- | ning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia! Lord to Whom Shall we Go*

ELW Page 151

## Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

The Holy Gospel reading in Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Grant Nyberg

## Hymn of the Day

*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*

ELW 815

## Thanks for Your Generosity | Sharing of the Peace

## Music at the Offering

*The Apple Tree*

Scottish Folk Song, arr. K. Lee Scott

## 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.*

## Faith Marker

Pre-K & Kindergarten Sunday School Classes

## 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

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

ELW 665

## Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sending Music

*The Only Son from Heaven*

J. S. Bach

## 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.

## Connect with us today



[normluth.org](http://normluth.org)

## 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](http://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.

### WAYS TO GIVE

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### NLC Kids

**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.

**Extended PrayGround** is located outside of the sanctuary next to the Fishbowl for children age 4 and up and their families. There are quiet activities for and a screen to see and hear worship.

**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 | 10:40-11:20am

**First Floor:** Pre K & Kindergarten - Room 100

**Third Floor:** Grades 1 & 2 - Children's Choir Room

Grades 3 & 4 - Multi Purpose Room N.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Presider:** Pastor Paul Pettersen,  
**Preaching:** Grant Nyberg  
**Liturgist:** Michael Howard  
**Organist:** Gregory Peterson  
**Choirs:** Children's Choir, Lily Askegaard, director  
Youth Choir, Gregory Peterson, director  
**Accompanists:** Angela Anderson, Children's Choir  
Lorna Wolthoff, Youth Choir

**Cantors:** Addy Stuerwald, Winnie Feyder  
**Soloist:** Inga Ohe  
**Acolytes:** Mae Douglas, Max Berkholz  
**Lectors:** Brooke Parry, Lucia Feyder  
**Greeters:** Michelle Lee Monnot, Norm & Judy Teigen  
**Sacristan:** Edel Henningsen  
**Ushers:** Chin Team