

Normandale  
Lutheran  
Church



Edina, Minnesota

# Friday of Epiphany

Holy Communion and Healing Ritual

February 4, 2024 | 9:30 am

\* Congregational responses in **bold**

## Gathering Music

*Praise to the Lord* (three settings)

J. Walther, M. Reger, J. Bender

## Words of Welcome

## Call To Worship

*Siyahamba* (We Are Marching in the Light of God)

arr. Brad Nix

## 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

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

ELW 858

## 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*

ELW Page 149

## Prayer of the Day

**God of healing, you reach out a hand and lift us up, meeting us where we are, restoring us to life, and bringing us back to you. May our lives reflect your great love for us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

**The Lord re- | builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

The Lord heals the | brokenhearted  
and binds | up their wounds.

**The Lord counts the number | of the stars  
and calls them all | by their names.**

Great is our Lord and might- | y in power;  
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

**The Lord lifts | up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

Sing to the Lord | with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp | to our God,

**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains.**

God provides food | for the cattle  
and for the young ravens | when they cry.

**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**

**but finds pleasure in those who | fear the Lord,  
in those who await God's steadfast love| Hallelujah!**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*

ELW Page 151

## Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

The Holy Gospel reading in Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Lending a Healing Hand" Pastor Paul Pettersen

**Hymn of the Day** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* ELW 773

## Thanks for Your Generosity

## Sharing of the Peace

**Music at the Offering** *How Can I Keep From Singing* arr. Bradley Ellingboe

## Noisy Offering and Offertory Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Alleluia Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Alleluia Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*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.*

## Holy Communion and Healing Ritual

### 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** ELW Page 153

### 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** ELW Page 154

### Distribution and Healing Prayer

**Distribution Hymns** *We Come to You for Healing, Lord* ELW 617  
*Oh, Worship the King* ELW 842

### Communion Blessing

**Sending Hymn** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* ELW 843

### Blessing and Sending

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

**Sending Music** *Marche Triomphale* Paul Fey

# 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.

## Welcomings 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](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

**3rd Floor:**

Grades 1 & 2 - Children's Choir Room

Grades 3 & 4 - Multi Purpose Room N.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Presider:** Pastor Paul Pettersen

**Liturgist:** Pastor Rebecca Gamble

**Organist:** Gregory Peterson

**Acolytes:** Bella Carpenter, Duncan Kluis

**Cantor:** Meghan McCabe

**Lector:** Peter Ilten

**Ushers:** Feyder Team

**Greeters:** Bennett Breuer, Brad & Susie Baker

**Choirs:** Cherub & Children's Choirs, Normandale Choir

**Choir Directors:**

Lily Askegaard, Cherub & Childrens Choirs

Gregory Peterson, NormandaleChoir Angela

Anderson, Cherub & Children's Choirs

Lorna Wolthoff, Normandale Choir

Madeline Didier - Oboe

Annika McCutcheon, Mairi Doom

Kati Salmon

**Instrumental:**

**Percussionists:**

**Healing Deacon:**

**Communion Set-up:**

**Communion Deacons:**

Jonathan Kuehl, Linda Van Guilder

Wendi Breuer, Jim Granquist, Pat Lindstrand,

Susan Sackrison, Kim Pinkham