

Normandale
Lutheran
Church



Edina, Minnesota

First Sunday in Lent

Worship & Holy Communion

February 18, 2024 | 9:30 am

* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

*Be Thou My Vision
Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. Linda R Lamb
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Words of Welcome

Call To Worship

Bell Toll

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin before God and one another,

(silence for reflection)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Receive our confession, and in your mercy, set us free from ourselves to live for you alone, that our lives might bear the fruit of your love, through Jesus, our Savior.**

Hear these words of promise. In the suffering love of Jesus, your sins are forgiven, and from the soil of God's mercy comes forth the fruit of divine love. Be free this day to live in love!

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Seed That in Earth Is Dying

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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.

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

For all that we see of you, O God, we miss so much of you. Come near to us that we may live more fully into you, laying down our lives to receive the life you have for us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 64:1-8

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence — as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence. When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

To | you, O Lord,
I lift | up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

**Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths.**

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ
(Choir sings once through, followed by the congregation)

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Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel reading in Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Beside My Self"

Pastor Paul Pettersen

Hymn of the Day

Just As I Am

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Thanks for Your Generosity

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

A Lenten Walk

American Spiritual
arr. Hal H. Hopson

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.**

*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

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

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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

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Distribution Music

Bell Anthem

Communion Meditation

Douglas E. Wagner

Distribution Hymns:

*O Lord, throughout These Forty Days
Thy Holy Wings*

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Communion Blessing

Sending Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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Blessing and Sending

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

Sending Music

Fantasia in G Minor

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.

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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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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. Their 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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No Sunday School Today

See you Next Week! 10:40- 11:30

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
Cantor: Teddie Rush
Lector: Marilyn Kemme
Sacristan: Kim Sannerud
Ushers: Laaksonen Team

Acolytes:
Greeters:
Communion Set-up:
Communion Deacons:
Instrumental:
Choirs:

Eliise Hietala, Alison Schmidt, Max Berkholz Normandale
Dave Myhre
Jonathan Kuehl & Linda Van Guilder
Bert & Charles Ledder, Pat Lindstrand, Susan Sackrison
Normandale Bells, Lorna Wolthoff, Director
Normandale Choir, Greg Peterson, Director
Lorna Wolthoff, Accompanist