

Normandale
Lutheran
Church



Edina, Minnesota

Second Sunday Lent

February 25, 2024 | 9:30 am

* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You
Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

J. S. Bach
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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

Christ, The Life of All the Living

ELW 339

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

God of the cross, you lay down your life for us, showing us the way through suffering and death that leads to life. Give us courage to put service before self, laying down our lives in love for others, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23-31

You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off- | spring of Israel.

For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hid- | den from them; but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.

From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.

The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

For dominion belongs | to the Lord,

who rules o- | ver the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the Lord.

Their descendants shall | serve the Lord,

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,

saying to them, "The | Lord has acted!"

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ

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(Choir sings once through, followed by the congregation)

Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

The Holy Gospel reading in Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any

(Gospel continued on the next page)

want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Service Before Self” Pastor Paul Pettersen

Hymn of the Day *Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service* ELW 712

Thanks for Your Generosity

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* J.S. Bach
from the St. John Passion

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.*

Prayers of the People

Today’s prayers are led by the prayer group, introducing a prayer posture of adoration.

Want to learn more about the prayer ministry? Grab an information sheet outside of the Sanctuary.

Congregational response following each prayer petition:

Hear us O God,
Your mercy is great.

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 *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* ELW 769

Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music *Christ, Who Makes Us Blessed* 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. There are quiet activities 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

Preaching: Pastor Paul Pettersen,
Liturgist: Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Cantors: Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, director,
Choir: Lorna Wolthoff, accompanist

Acolytes: Lucy Askegaard
Lectors: Liam Henningsen
Greeters: Rachael Leadholm
Sacristan: Dave Myhre, Shirley Ramberg
Ushers: Edel Henningsen
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