



Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024 | 9:30 am
Holy Communion

* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

Partita on "O God, My Faithful God"

J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Call To Worship

Bell Toll

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

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 surprising wisdom and abundant love, you call all people to your table. Give us a holy hunger for your ways; to be part of the feeding and healing of this world. And nourish us, too, with your grace. So we may work with joy to serve one another. Amen.

Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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 19:7-14

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | jice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

Who can detect one's | own offenses?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.**

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ

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Gospel

Matthew 25:35-36, 26:11

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

Thanks for Your Generosity | Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

I Can Do All Things

Mark Burrows

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.*

Holy Communion

First Communion Recognition

Today we celebrate these children who have completed First Communion instruction.

Brooks Benson	Gabriela Llanes
Brynn Benson	Hattie Loving
Jack Clifford	Marlow McLain
Connor Dahlman	Elsie Moen
Harriet Dodington	Wren Nordin
Aidan Doyle	Ingrid Shiek
Evie Hein	Gabriella Singh
Joey Ilten	Caroline Thiss
Evelyn Jacobson	

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 Hymns

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 803

Communion Blessing

Sending Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324

Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Partita on "O God, My Faithful God" (conclusion)

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.

WelcomingsStatement

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

3rd Floor: Grades 1 & 2 - Children's Choir Room

Grades 3 & 4 - Multi Purpose Room N.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider: Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Preaching: Jamie Dolynchuk
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Cantor: Grace Borg
Choir: Children's Choir
Director: Lily Askegaard,
Accompanist: Angela Anderson
Percussionist: Alex Ouska

Acolytes:
Lector:
Greeters:
Sacristan:
Ushers:
Communion Set-up:
Communion Deacons:

Nicholas Shea, Max Burkholz, Wyatt Pence
Ayla Kluis
Norm & Judy Teigen, Dave Myhre
Cindy Nelson
Elenkiwich/Noble Teams
Jim Neimeier, Sarah Howard
Kim Pinkham, Beth Anderson, Niles Bisping,
Cindy Nelson, Kati Salmon