

Normandale
Lutheran
Church



Edina, Minnesota

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024 | 9:30 am

* Congregational responses in **bold**

March is Women's History Month. To help celebrate, the American Guild of Organists, Society of Women Organists, and the Royal College of Organists has dedicated March 10 as Women Composer's Sunday. In our service today we honor women composers throughout history with music by Anna Laura Page, Libby Larsen, and Anna Magdalena Bach as well as hymn texts by Fanny Crosby and Susan Palo Cherwien.

Gathering Music

Lenten Fantasia
What Wondrous Love is This

Jason W Krug
arr. Anna Laura Page

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Peace Like a River

Traditional

Pre-K & Kindegarten Sunday School Class
Sydney Schroeder, director

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

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

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 who offers a remedy for our resistance, a balm for our rebellion, and deliverance from our distress, what can trouble us when you are here? Someone said you only help those who help themselves. No! You help us when we cannot help ourselves. We come to you and discover you already came to us. Look! We have been healed! In the name of Jesus, our life. Amen.

“Adapted from a prayer written by Rev. Dr. Jeff Sartain as part of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Minneapolis, MN) expansive prayer project. Used by permission.”

Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good,
for God’s mercy en- | dures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the | Lord proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**

gathering them in | from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

**Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths;
through their sins they | were afflicted.**

They loathed all man- | ner of food
and drew near | to death’s door.

**Then in their trouble they cried | to the Lord
and you delivered them from | their distress.**

You sent forth your | word and healed them
and rescued them | from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your | steadfast love
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

**Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy.**

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ ELW Page 160
(Choir sings once through, followed by the congregation)

Gospel

John 3:16-21

The Holy Gospel reading in John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
(stanzas 1-3, Lent 4 addition)

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Thanks for Your Generosity and Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

God So Loved the World

Libby Larsen

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, members of the Prayer Team will be modeling “Breath Prayers”. Simple, rooted in scripture these prayers are said to the rhythm of your breath. Consider incorporating breath prayers into the days ahead, and for more information on Prayer Ministry, look for the brochure outside the sanctuary!

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

Christ Is the Life

ACS 927

Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

*Prelude and Choral, If You But Trust in God to Guide You
Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook*

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 Rebecca Gamble
Liturgist: Sumner Musolf
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Cantor: Hannelore Brucker
Choir: Normandale Choir
Gregory Peterson, director
Lorna Wolthoff, accompanist

Instrumental: Normandale Bells, Lorna Wolthoff, director
Acolyte: Max Burkholz
Lector: Kim Pinkham
Greeters: Michelle Lee Monnot & Chris Monnot, Lois Nordling
Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
Ushers: Elenkiwich/Noble Teams