



# Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

March 17, 2024 | 9:30 am

\* Congregational responses in **bold**

## Gathering Music

*O Humanity, Lament Your Great Sin*

J. S. Bach

## 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

*Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*

ELW 321

## 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 draws near to those who suffer, in dying you reveal the way to eternal life. Draw us to yourself now, and to the way of the cross. Remake us as your people. And teach us to let go of what we think we need, so that love and justice might be our singular aim. In the name of Christ, who leads us. Amen.**

## Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

## Gospel Acclamation

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

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## Gospel

John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel reading in John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"Bits of Our Hearts"

Sumner Musolf

## Hymn of the Day

*Seed That in Earth is Dying*

ELW 330

## Thanks for Your Generosity

## Sharing of the Peace

### Music at the Offering

*Ave Verum Corpus*

W. A. Mozart

### 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

### 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

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

ELW 735

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

ELW 759

### Communion Blessing

### Sending Hymn

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW 379

### Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sending Music

*Prelude and Fugue in E 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](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.

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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

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.

### No Sunday School Today!

Resumes April 7th | 10:40-11:30

Have a great spring break and Easter!

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preacher:** Sumner Musolf  
**Liturgist:** Pastor Rebecca Gamble  
**Organist:** Gregory Peterson  
**Choir:** Normadale Choir  
**Director:** Gregory Peterson  
**Accompanist:** Lorna Wolthoff  
**Cantor:** Payton Jones

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

Eliise Hietala, Liam Henningsen  
Mel Henry, Norman & Judy Teigen  
Beth Anderson  
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Jonathan Keuhl, Linda Van Guilder, Martha Taylor  
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