

GOOD FRIDAY

At The Foot of the Cross

March 29, 2024 | 6:30pm

* Congregational responses in **bold**

Enter in silence for prayer and reflection on the mystery of our salvation.

Gathering Music

O Humanity, Bewail Thy Great Sin

J. S. Bach

Silent Procession

Opening Litany

From the busy-ness of our lives, we have come here on a day that is different.

From within the midst of a world holding the promise of spring and new life, we have come to share in our story of betrayal and execution.

Come and witness the account. Come somewhere between “Hosanna!” and “Crucify him!”
Come and embrace our wilderness.

We come with solemn reverence and know of our tendency to nail the Messiah to the cross.

All you who bow in reverence, praise him.

This is not a day for mourning, but for awe, wonder, love, and gratitude.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus (stanza 3 sung by choir)

ELW 349

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your love abounds and grace overflows beyond any reasonable end. Look with mercy on your family of followers, for whom our Lord Jesus was betrayed, handed over to the authorities, and suffered death on the cross. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs

Karl Heinrich Graun

Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

First Reading

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

John 18:1-27

Reader: We all have experiences of betrayal, shame, and hurt. We all have lived in denial.

All: Jesus' love is a reassurance in the wilderness of sin.

Hymn

Stay With Me

ELW 348

Second Reading

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

John 18:28-19:16

Reader: We all know the fear of loving what death can touch. We all know the fear of loss.

All: Jesus' love is stronger than our fears. Jesus' presence is peace. He is the light of the world.

Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 803

Third Reading

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.

All: Have mercy on us.

John 19:17-30

Reader: We know what it is to benefit at the expense of others, and yet we turn away from the humanity of all.

All: Jesus' love is an antidote in the wilderness of greed.

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
(stanza 2 sung by choir)

ELW 351

Fourth Reading

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.

All: **Have mercy on us.**

John 19:31-42

Reader: We know the pain of isolation. We know the sting of death.
We know the heaviness of raw grief.

All: **Jesus' suffering love is a companion in the wilderness of death.
Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me

ELW 616

Adoration of the Cross

*You are invited to leave nails around the cross
and to contemplate the execution of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Bidding Prayer

The 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.

Hymn

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Please leave the worship space in silence

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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WORSHIP WITH US

THE THREE DAYS | TRIDUUM: On Thursday we begin the Triduum which means THE THREE DAYS. The Triduum includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Darkness to Light: The First Service of Easter which includes elements of the Easter Vigil. These three days are one liturgy. No benediction separates them as they share our celebration of the great mystery of our salvation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: We gather for confession and absolution to mark the end of our Lenten observance which began on Ash Wednesday with the marking of ashes and our confession of sin. On this night we receive absolution individually, and after hearing Jesus' command to love one another, come forward to be strengthened by his own body and blood given "for you." As Psalm 22 is sung, we strip the altar as we are reminded that Christ walked from the meal to his suffering and death.

GOOD FRIDAY: We gather in silence to hear of Christ's suffering on the cross. We lift up prayers for the church, the world, and for those of other faiths and no faith, remembering the encompassing love of Jesus for all this fallen world.

DARKNESS TO LIGHT | THE FIRST SERVICE OF EASTER: We gather early on Easter morning to celebrate this most holy day break as we make passage with Christ from darkness to light, from death to life. This service will include elements of Easter vigil and marks the end of the Three Days liturgy with the first Eucharist of Easter.

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.

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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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher:	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Liturgist:	Pastor Paul Pettersen
Organist:	Gregory Peterson
Choir:	Normandale Choir
Director:	Gregory Peterson
Accompianist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Ushers:	Duncan Kluis, Keith Narr, Kim Sannerud, Mike & Lisa Schwie