



Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024 | 9:30 am
Holy Communion

* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

Maestoso and Allegretto
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Hermann Schroeder
Wilbur Held

Words of Welcome

Call To Worship

Bell Toll

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin before God and each other

Kind and gracious God,

We confess our fear before you. You have called us to follow Jesus and we have hidden behind locked doors. Come and be among us, reassuring us of your abiding presence, that we may live faithfully in the world, proclaiming that you are alive and fear has no hold on us, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

Children of God, you are not alone. In Jesus Christ, and his grace, you are safe, you are loved, you are forgiven, and you are free. Thanks be to God!

Amen

Gathering Hymn

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain
(stanzas 1, 3, 4, 5)

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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.

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

All things are possible with you, O God! You break the bonds of death and bring new life again! Teach us to trust the future we cannot know, and ground us in community love, that we may live in the unity of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, who lives among us. Amen.

Reading

Acts 4:32-37

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

How good and how pleas- | ant it is,
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Gospel

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel reading in John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Common Life"

Pastor Paul Pettersen

Hymn of the Day

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

ELW 656

Thanks for Your Generosity and Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah

G.F. Handel, arr. Cassler

Noisy Offering | Offertory Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia (2)
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia (5)

*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

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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 Hymn

*We Come to the Hungry Feast
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
(stanzas 1,2,3,4,7)*

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Communion Blessing

Sending Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

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Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Poco vivace

Hermann Schroeder

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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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

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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

President: Pastor Paul Pettersen

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Greeters:

Communion Set-up:

Communion Deacons:

Ushers:

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