

Normandale
Lutheran
Church



Edina, Minnesota

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 | 9:30 am

* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

With High Delight Let Us Unite
Charles Callahan/Ernst Pepping/Charles Ore

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Halle, Halle, Halle

arr. John Michniewicz

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

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

ELW 377

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.

Prayer of the Day

At gates outside dividing walls, you find us, O God and bring us in. Our lives laid down are our lives restored, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and the resurrection of your Son, Jesus. And so, we enter your beloved community; walking and leaping and praising you. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 3:1-11

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

**"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?"**

Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me | when I call.

**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**

Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the Lord.

**Many are saying, "Who will show us | any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O Lord.**

You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me | rest secure.**

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Halle

ELW 172

Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel reading in Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him

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a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

““Every Seeking Soul”

Pastor Paul Pettersen

Hymn of the Day

All Are Welcome
(stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5)

ELW 641

Thanks for Your Generosity

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

There Is a Balm in Gilead

William A. Dawson

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.*

Installation

Jacob Boettcher

Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Prayers of the People

Congregational response following each prayer petition:

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

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

With High Delight Let Us Unite

ELW 368

Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

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 Paul Pettersen

Liturgist:

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

Organist:

Gregory Peterson

Choirs:

Children's Choir, Lily Askegaard, director
Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, director

Accompanists:

Angela Anderson, Children's Choir
Lorna Wolthoff, Normandale Choir

Acolyte:

Wyatt Pence

Cantor:

Addy Steuerwald

Lectors:

Marliyn Kemme

Greeters:

Michelle Lee Monnot

Sacristan:

Katie Hein

Ushers:

Jack & Marilyn Kemme, Jan Hahn