



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 | 9:30 am

Holy Baptism

Congregational responses in **bold**

* Please stand as you are comfortable

Gathering Music

Journey of Hope
Now the Green Blade Rises

Brenda E. Austin
arr. Kevin McChesney

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Bell Toll

*Processional Hymn

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ELW 449

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.

Promises of Baptism

Graham Robert Huey
Son of Paul & Elisabeth Huey

In mercy and love, God gives new birth to all into a living hope through the promises of baptism. Recognizing our human need, we celebrate God's dependable goodness, infinite new starts, and continued claim on our lives. Today, we especially celebrate that God claims Graham as God's own, takes delight in him and surrounds him with love.

Paul and Elisabeth; called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Graham baptized into Christ?

As you bring Graham to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, to bring him to Jesus' sacred meal, to place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, nurturing him in faith and grounding him in prayer, so that he will learn to trust God, proclaim Christ, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help him grow in his Christian faith and life?

Andrew, do you promise to nurture Graham in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the promise of baptism and to live among God's faithful people?

Dear people of God, do you promise to surround Graham with love and grace, and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **Response: We do.**

Apostle's Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism | Placement of Baptismal Garment

Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you claim your children as your own. Sustain Graham with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the awe of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Anointing with Oil | Lighting of Baptismal Candle

Welcome

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: giving thanks and praise to God, and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Together, with our applause, let us welcome our new sibling in Christ!

Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.

The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

For dominion belongs | to the Lord,

who rules o- | ver the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the Lord.

Their descendants shall | serve the Lord,

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,

saying to them, "The | Lord has acted!"

*Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Halle

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*Gospel

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Scattered”

Pastor Paul Pettersen

Hymn of the Day

Arise, Your Light Has Come

ELW 314

Thanks for Your Generosity

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

By Gracious Powers

Text: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Music: Robert Buckley Farlee

(Commissioned by and newly composed for the Normandale Choir and the upcoming tour to Germany “Music and Conscience: Bach & Bonhoeffer.” The text may be found at ELW 626.)

*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.*

*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

O Blessed Spring

ELW 447

*Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Praeludium in G, BWV 568

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.

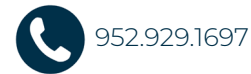
Welcoming Statement

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 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

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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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider: Pastor Paul Pettersen
Liturgist: Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Cantor: John Sackrison
Choirs: Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, director
Accompianist: Lorna Wolthoff
Instrumental: Normandale Bells, Lorna Wolthoff, director
Diane Larson, flute

Acolyte: Duncan Kluis
Baptismal Deacon: Mary Quist Newins
Crucifer: Travis Mosley
Lector: Marilyn Kemme
Greeters: Carmen Eide, Mel Henry
Sacristan: Kim Sannerud
Ushers: Kleven & Sannerud teams