

Normandale  
Lutheran  
Church



Edina, Minnesota

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024 | 9:30 am

Holy Baptism

Congregational responses in **bold**

\* Please stand as you are comfortable

## Gathering Music

*Children's Prayer from Sweden*

Roberta Bitgood

*Ring to the Lord a New Song*

Cathy Moklebust

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

*Beautiful Savior*

arr. David Allen

## \*Processional Hymn

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

ELW 735

## \*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

**Crosby Carl Wild**

Son of Jordon & Kimberly Wild

Our God, fountain of mercy and love, 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 Crosby as God's own, takes delight in him and surrounds him with love.

Jordon & Kimberly, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Crosby baptized into Christ?

As you bring Crosby 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?

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Crosby 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 Crosby 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 Crosby 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, praising 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 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that | do not wither; everything they | do shall prosper.

**It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Halle, Halle, Halle*

ELW 172

## \*Gospel

John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel reading in John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them

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and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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**Sermon** We say “Don’t Go!” He says “Go.” Pastor Rebecca Gamble

**\*Hymn of the Day** *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* ACS 954

## **Thanks for Your Generosity**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

**Music at the Offering** *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. John A. Behnke

## **\*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** *For the Beauty of the Earth* ELW 879

## **\*Blessing and Sending**

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

**Sending Music** *Variation on Picardy (French Folk Tune)* Barbara Harbach

# 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.

### WAYS TO GIVE

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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

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!

Sunday school families, help us celebrate a fantastic program year with a picnic at the playground. Sunday, May 19th, following worship.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preaching:**

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

**Liturgist:**

Pastor Paul Pettersen

**Organist:**

Gregory Peterson

**Choirs:**

Cherub Choir, Children's Choir

**Director:**

Lily Askegaard

**Accompanist:**

Angela Anderson

**Instrumental:**

Handbells, Lorna Wolthoff, director

**Acolyte:**

Liam Henningsen

**Cantor:**

Inga Ohe

**Lector:**

Kim Pinkham

**Greeters:**

Mel Henry, Gordy & Dee Sprenger

**Sacristan:**

Lisa Schwie

**Ushers:**

Kemme Team