



FIRST SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

Holy Baptism and Holy Communion

December 1, 2024 | 9:30 am

Congregational responses in **bold**

\* Please stand as you are comfortable

## Gathering Music

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

J. S. Bach

## Words of Welcome

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

## \*Processional Hymn

*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

ELW 244

## \*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

**Della June Peinaar**

Daughter of Roy & Ellen Pienaar

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 Della as God's own, takes delight in her and surrounds her with love.

Roy & Ellen, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

As you bring Della to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, to bring her to Jesus' sacred meal, to place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, nurturing her in faith and grounding her in prayer, so that she 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 her grow in her Christian faith and life?

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

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

## Apostles' 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

## Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you claim your children as your own. Sustain Della 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.**

## Anointment with Oil | Placement of Stole | Presentation 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.**

### Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 25:1-10

To | you, O Lord,  
I lift | up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

**Show me your | ways, O Lord,  
and teach | me your paths.**

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*

ELW page 151

### \*Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the sixth month [of Elizabeth's pregnancy] the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive

*(Gospel continued on the next page)*

in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “You Are a Blessing” Pastor Maria Pederson

**\*Hymn of the Day** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* ELW 242  
(Stanzas 1, 2, 4)

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**Music at the Offering** *Keep Your Lamps!* Arr. Andre Thomas

**\*Noisy Offering | Offertory Response**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*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.**

**\*Invitation to the Table**

**\*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** ELW Page 154

**Distribution Hymn** *Christ, Be Our Light* ELW 715

**Communion Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn** *People, Look East* ELW 260

**\*Sending**

Congregational response:

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sending Music** *Awake Us, Lord, and Hasten* 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](http://normluth.org/livestream) to watch from wherever you are.

**Holy Communion** is offered during worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. All are welcome at God's Table. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.

**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.

### 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 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 | 10:40-11:30am | Age 3 - 4th Grade

**First Floor:** Preschool - Room 100

**3rd Floor:** Grades K, 1 & 2 - Multi Purpose Room N.  
Grades 3 & 4 - Multi Purpose Room S.

Not registered? Come anyway, all are welcome!

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preacher:**

Pastor Maria Pederson

**Liturgist:**

Pastor Hans Lee

**Organist**

Gregory Peterson

**Choir:**

Normandale Choir

**Director:**

Gregory Peterson

**Accompanist:**

Lorna Wolthoff

**Accolytes:**

Wyatt Pence, Liam Henningsen

**Lector:**

Lee Newcomer

**Litanists:**

Edel Henningsen, Marie Henningsen

**Baptismal Deacon:**

Niles Bisping

**Greeters:**

Dot Olson, Mel Henry

**Ushers:**

Kemme Team

**Sacristan**

Cindy Nelson

**Communion Crew:**

Jim Neimeier, Derek Camenga

**Communion Servers:**

Pat Lindstrand, Lee Newcomer, Kim Sannerud, Pam Werley, Kati Salmon