

Normandale  
Lutheran  
Church



Edina, Minnesota



Congregational responses in **bold**

\* Please stand as you are comfortable

## Gathering Music

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

J. S. Bach

## Words of Welcome

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord our God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have put our trust in earthly powers and authority. We have turned away from our neighbors and given in to fear. We have clung to false promises and yielded to fleeting comforts. Come to us, God of new beginnings. Bring your mercy to birth in us again.**

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

**Amen.**

### \*Gathering Hymn

*O Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* (stanzas 1, 2, 4)

ELW 246

### \*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.**

### \*Kyrie

ELW Page 147

### \*Prayer of the Day

Listening God, you are constantly speaking to us. Through music, scripture, nature, and relationships, you make yourself known again and again. We gather in this place today to hear your voice. In an imperfect world, we light candles here, and we sing as we hold onto hope. When the weight of the world presses in, remind us that change comes from “small acts of great love.” So with hope in our hearts, we quiet our minds and open our ears to hear your voice. Show us the good that is ours to do. Amen.

## Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-12

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

## Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might, and has become | my salvation.

**With joy you | will draw water  
from the wells | of salvation.**

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call | on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations; proclaim that this name | is exalted.

**Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done | gloriously;  
let this be known in | all the earth.**

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*

ELW Page 151

## \*Gospel

Luke 3:7-16

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

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**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"Do the Good that is Yours to Do"

Pastor Maria Pederson

## \*Hymn of the Day

*All Earth Is Hopeful*

ELW 266

**Thanks for your Generosity**     *Normandale Lutheran Church Foundation*

Mark Odland,  
board member

## Sharing of the Peace

## Music at the Offering

*Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain*

Carolyn Jennings

## \*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

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### Distribution Hymns

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People  
He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

ELW 256  
ELW 737

## Communion Blessing

### \*Sending Hymn

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

ELW 436

### \*Blessing and Sending

In the name of Christ, our new beginning, go in peace.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### Sending Music

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

Paul Manz

# 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

**Online:** [normluth.org/give](http://normluth.org/give)

**Text:** gift amount to: 952.260.5601

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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.

**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 Christmas Party Today!

10:30-11:30 | Fellowship Hall

### Regular Programming Resumes January 5th.

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.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preacher:** Pastor Maria Pederson  
**Liturgist:** Pastor Hans Lee  
**Organist:** Gregory Peterson  
**Advent Wreath:** Katie, Peter & Hattie Ilten  
**Cantor:** Payton Jones  
**Choirs:** Normandale Choir, Youth Choir  
**Director:** Gregory Peterson  
**Accompanist:** Lorna Wolthoff

**Acolytes:** Wyatt Pence, Bella Carpenter  
**Lector:** Arne Selbyg  
**Greeters:** Dave Myhre, Norm & Judy Teigen  
**Sacristan:** Edel Henningsen  
**Ushers:** Kemme Team  
**Communion Set-up:** Jonathan Kuehl, Sarah Howard, Susie Baker  
**Communion Deacons:** Bert & Charlie Ledder, Lee Newcomer, Kim Pinkham, Pam Werley