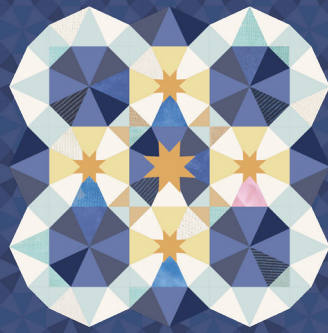


Normandale  
Lutheran  
Church



Edina, Minnesota



FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

December 22, 2024 | 9:30 am

Congregational responses in **bold**  
\* Please stand as you are comfortable

### Gathering Music

*Savior of the Nations, Come  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

arr. Cathay Mokolbust  
arr. Brian Childers

### 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

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

ELW 265

### \*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

**Most gracious God, as your word comes to us, help us begin again. Clear the distractions from our minds. Center us in this space. Move through the protective barriers we surround ourselves with and speak to us here and now. We are listening. We are hopeful. Amen.**

## Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Luke 1:46b-55

My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will | call me blessed:**

you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me  
and holy | is your name.

**You have mercy on | those who fear you,  
from generation to | generation.**

You have shown strength | with your arm  
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

**casting down the mighty | from their thrones  
and lifting | up the lowly.**

You have filled the hungry | with good things  
and sent the rich | away empty.

**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,  
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,  
the promise made | to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*

ELW Page 151

## \*Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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## Sermon

Pastor Hans Lee

## \*Hymn of the Day

*Canticle of the Turning*

ELW 723

## Thanks for your Generosity

Sound System Update  
Brent Malcom, Director of Operations

## \*Sharing of the Peace

## Music at the Offering

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

Hugo Distler

## \*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.*

## \*Prayers of the People

*Congregational response following each prayer petition:*

Lord in your mercy,  
receive 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.

## Call Committee Update

Matt Klein,  
Call Committee Chair

## \*Sending Hymn

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

ELW 263

## \*Blessing and Sending

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

## Sending Music

*Noel: Joseph est bien Marié*

Claude-Bénigne Balbastre

# 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.

We are 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

**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. All are welcome at God's Table. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.

### 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.

**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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### No Sunday School Today|

**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

**Preaching:**

Pastor Hans Lee

**Liturgist:**

Pastor Maria Pederson

**Organist:**

Gregory Peterson

**Cantor:**

Stephen Rush

**Choir:**

Normandale Choir

**Director:**

Gregory Peterson

**Accompanist:**

Lorna Wolthoff

**Instrumental:**

Normandale Bells

Lorna Wolthoff, director

**Acolyte:**

Wyatt Pence

**Advent Wreath:**

Brad, Katie & Connor Dahlman

**Lector:**

Norman Teigen

**Greeters:**

Brad & Susie Baker, Mel Henry

**Sacristan:**

Cindy Nelson

**Ushers:**

Kemme Team