

NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Candlelight Worship December 24, 2024 5:00 pm

Worship With Us

Livestream of worship services are 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.

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.

WAYS TO GIVE

Online: normluth.org/give **Text:** gift amount to: 952.260.5601 **Download the App:** ShelbyNEXT|Giving Select "Normandale Lutheran" (55436)



Congregational responses in **bold**

* Please stand as you are comfortable

Gathering

Gathering Music

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming What Child Is This Christmas Concerto

Michael Praetorius Traditional Arcangelo Corelli

ELW 283

Christmas Greeting

*Processional Carol O Come, All Ye Faithful (stanzas 1-3)

*Responsive Reading

The light shines in the darkness, **And the darkness has not overcome it.**

The Word became flesh and lived among us, **And we have beheld Christ's glory.**

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given. In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

*Carol		It Came upon the Midnight Clear (stanzas 1-2) ELW 283		
Word				
Lesson			Isaiah 9:2-7	
Congregational response following the reading: Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.				
*Gospel Proc	ession	Go Tell It on the Mountain (stanzas 1-2)	ELW 290	
*Gospel		The Nativity of Our Lord	Luke 2:1-20	
The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.				
<i>Congregational response following the Gospel:</i> Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.				
*Gospel Recession		Go Tell It on the Mountain (stanza 3)	ELW 290	
Children's Message		F	Pastor Maria Pederson	
Sermon				
*Carol		Joy To The World	ELW 267	
Offering F	For You, Lord	l, Have Looked with Favor on Your Lowly S (Duet from the Magnificat)	ervant J. S. Bach	

*Christmas 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

*Passing of the Light

Ushers will light the candle of each worshipper nearest the aisle. When lighting your candle from your neighbor, **please tip only your unlit candle into their flame**.

*Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night!

ELW 281

*Blessing and Sending

Go in peace. Christ is born! Thanks be to God!

Sending Music

Improvisation on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing **Gregory Peterson**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching:	Pastor Maria Pederson		
Liturgist:	Pastor Hans Lee		
Organist:	Gregory Peterson		
Choir:	Normandale Chamber Strings, Suzanne Klein, director		
Acolytes:	Maxim Komarenko & Oleg Komarenko		
Crucifer:	Gene Diaz		
Lector:	Carmen Eide		
Sacristan:	Cindy Nelson		
Ushers:	Bob & Kim Sannerud, Phil Boelter, Michael Howard, Henry Salmon		

Welcome to Normandale Lutheran Church



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.



Normandale Lutheran Church is a member of the ELCA, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.

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.



Sundays at Normandale

Join us as we gather weekly for worship and fellowship!

9:30 Worship in the sanctuary

10:30 Coffee & Donuts in the Fireside Room

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 availble.

NLC Kids

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.

Sunday School Resumes January 12th. 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? No problem, all are welcome!

Adults



January 8 | Fireside Room 9:00-11:30 am

New here? All women are welcome to join! No previous involvment or experience in Bible study is necessary! Large group presentation followed by small group discussion. Small discussion groups are available to join! WWBS resumes with Hebrews chapter 6.

Visit normluth.org/events for more information.



Meet others in a similar stage of raising kids, it takes a village!

Parents of Littles Sundays 10:45-11:15am

Parents of T(w)eens Wednesdays 6:45-7:45pm

Contact Katie Hein for more information khein@normluth.org



Saturday January 18 10:00am-12:00pm Studio A

Join us as we discuss January's book, "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray, and of course there will be coffee & treats! Contact Katie Niessen to learn more. katiejnana@gmail.com

NORMANDALE CENTER FOR Healing & Wholeness

A nonprofit and mission outreach program of Normandale Lutheran Church.

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Change is hard. Caregiving is hard.

We are here to support you on your caregiving journey.

Join us for 2nd Saturday in January>

normandalecenter.org

We offer:

- Monthly caregiver support groups
- 1:1 care consultations & family meetings for seniors & caregivers
- Evidence-based workshops & senior-friendly exercise groups
- Respite & visiting volunteer opportunities for caregivers

Driving When Getting Older Saturday, Jan 11 | 9:00-10:30 am Caregiver Support Groups follow program. Respite available.





January 8 | 11:00am-1:30pm |Fireside Room Cost - \$10.00

Join others age 65+ for fellowship, chapel worship, lunch and program featuring Stephen Simon, a retired U of MN law professor.

Crafting History: Stories You've Never Heard About World War II.



Join Katie Hein for a special event with Brooks Wilkening to learn tools for supporting your young adult:

PARENTING DURING ANXIOUS TIMES

Wednesday, Jan. 8th | 6:45-7:45pm In the Chapel during SPARK & IGNITE





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Community

Normandale Choirs

Love to sing? Normandale has several opportunities for singers of all ages!

Children's Choirs: Lily Askegaard, director Cherub Choir - kindergarten-grade 2 Wednesdays | 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Children's Choir - grades 3-6 Wednesdays | 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Normandale Choir: Gregory Peterson, director Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Love bells? Handbell Choir: Lorna Wolthoff, director Thursdavs | 5:45-6:45 p.m.

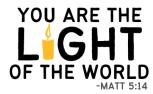


Wednesdays 5:00-6:30pm Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a home cooked meal and fellowship!

\$6.00 Kids (4-16) Adults (17+) \$8.00 Age 3 & under Free

Children, Youth & Family (CYF)



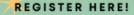
We would love to meet you! Register to join us for year-round or summer programming today. All are welcome!

The CYF Team - Jacob, Jessica, & Lily

PROGRAMMING RESUMES WEDNESDAY 1/8/25

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY 2024-25 PROGRAMS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 3 YEAR-OLDS - 4TH GRADE CHERUB CHOIR: KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE CHILDREN'S CHOIR: 3RD - 6TH GRADE SPARK: GRADES 5&6 YOUTH GROUP IGNITE CONFIRMATION: GRADES 7&8 ABLAZE: 9TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP







Vacation Bible School: June 9-12 3-yr-olds to 4th grade

Holden Village: end of June TBD 8th-12th grade

Summer Stretch: July 15-17 3rd-5th grade

Summer Stretch After Dark: July 22-24 6th-8th grade

Camp Vermillion: July 27-Aug. 1 3rd-8th grade Normandale Preschool Blessing Place

A place for all children to feel safe, loved, and accepted. Inspiring children 16 months to 5 years

REGISTER FOR

2025-2026

Registration for Normandale Lutheran Church members opens **January 6, 2025** www.normandalepreschool.org/member-registration

For more information visit our website www.normandale preschool.com Questions? Contact our director, Kari Warnke at kari@normluth.org| 952-977-9371