



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

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*Congregational responses in **bold***

** Please stand as you are comfortable*

Gathering

Gathering Music

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Michael Praetorius

What Child Is This

Traditional

Christmas Concerto

Arcangelo Corelli

Christmas Greeting

*Proclamational Carol

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

ELW 283

*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.

Word

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Congregational response following the reading:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Procession

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.

Congregational response following the Gospel:

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

Pastor Maria Pederson

Sermon

*Carol

Joy To The World

ELW 267

Offering

For You, Lord, Have Looked with Favor on Your Lowly Servant
(Duet from the Magnificat)

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.



ELCA

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 available.

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

Wednesday
Women's
BIBLE STUDY

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

New here? All women are welcome to join! No previous involvement 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

**BOOK
BAGEL
& BREW**



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.

Change is hard.
Caregiving is hard.
We are here to
support you on your
caregiving journey.

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

Join us for 2nd
Saturday in January >

normandalecenter.org


2nd
Saturday
for Caregivers

Driving When Getting Older

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

— *Second* —
WEDNESDAY



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.**



PARENT CONNECT

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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now to learn more!

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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
Thursdays | 5:45-6:45 p.m.



Wednesdays
5:00-6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a home cooked meal and fellowship!

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

Children, Youth & Family (CYF)

**YOU ARE THE
LIGHT
OF THE WORLD**
-MATT 5:14

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

REGISTER HERE!



SUMMER 2025

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.normandalepreschool.com
Questions? Contact our director, Kari Warnke at
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