



**NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Candlelight Worship &  
Holy Communion**

**December 24, 2024 | 9:00pm**

# 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](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.

## 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](http://normluth.org/give)

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Congregational responses in **bold**

\* Please stand as you are comfortable

# Gathering

## Gathering Music

*Christmas Carols*

*Selections from Concerto Grosso,  
Op. 6, No. 8 (Christmas Concerto)*

Arcangelo Corelli

## Proclamation of The Birth of Christ

## Call to Worship

*Wonderful Peace*

(Sung in Swedish and English)

Gustaf Nordqvist

Peace, peace, wonderful peace, peace to the world is given.

Hush'd are the angels so still is the night; then in the East  
shown a heavenly light. Join the chorus His praises sing!

Glory to God, to the newly born King. Peace, peace, wonderful peace,  
Peace to the world is given.

## \*Processional Carol

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

No. 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.**

## \*Carol

*Angels We Have Heard on High* (stanzas 1 & 3)

No. 289

## Word

### First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Carol

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (stanzas 1-2)

No. 282

### Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Procession

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (stanzas 1-2)

No. 288

## \*Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*following the Gospel:*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Carol

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

No. 270

## Music at the Offering

*Before the Marvel of this Night*

Carl Schalk

## \*Offertory Carol

*What Child Is This* (stanza 3)

No. 296

## Holy Communion

## \*Prayer

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## \*Great Thanksgiving

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## \*Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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## \*Words of Institution | Lord's Prayer

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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

*Lamb of God*

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## Distribution Anthem

*The Hills are Bare at Bethlehem*

arr. Ralph Johnson

## Distribution Carol

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

No. 279

## \*Communion Blessing

# 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 your unlit candle into their flame.**

## \*Carol

*Silent Night*

No. 281

## \*Blessing and Sending

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

## Sending Music

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Marcel Dupre/J. S. Bach

# WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Preaching:</b>	Pastor Hans Lee
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Pastor Maria Pederson
<b>Organist:</b>	Gregory Peterson
<b>Choir:</b>	Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, director
<b>Instrumental:</b>	Normandale Strings, Suzanne Klein, director
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Niles Bisping
<b>Communion Deacons:</b>	Sue Hendrickson, Susan Sackrison, Niles Bisping, Sophie Klein
<b>Communion Set Up:</b>	Sarah Howard, Jim Niemeier, Josh Howard
<b>Greeter:</b>	Mel Henry
<b>Lector:</b>	Josh Howard
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Edel Henningsen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Keith Narr, William Nichols, Kim Sannerud, Derek Camenga

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.normandalepreschool.org/member-registration)

For more information visit our website  
[www.normandalepreschool.com](http://www.normandalepreschool.com)  
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