

Normandale
Lutheran
Church



Edina, Minnesota

Epiphany

January 5, 2025 | 9:30 am | Holy Communion

Congregational responses in **bold**

* Please stand as you are comfortable

Gathering Music

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

Dieterich Buxtehude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Bell Toll

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord our God, who is alive in the world, whose steadfast love is everlasting.
Amen.

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

Silence for reflection

God-with-us,

**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.
Amen.**

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.
Amen.

*Processional Hymn

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! (Stanzas 1-3)

ELW 308

*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.

*Hymn of Praise

Angels from the Realms of Glory (Stanzas 1 and 3)

ELW 275

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

Psalm 147:12-20

Worship the Lord, | O Jerusalem;
praise your | God, O Zion,
**who has strengthened the bars | of your gates
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.**
God has established peace | on your borders
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.
**God sends out a command | to the earth,
a word that runs | very swiftly.**
God gives | snow like wool,
scattering | frost like ashes.
**God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**
The Lord sends forth the | word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.
**God declares the | word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**
**The Lord has not done so to any | other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah!**

*Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

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*Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Sermon

Pastor Hans Lee

*Hymn of the Day

As with Gladness Men of Old

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(Stanza 1-all, 2-treble voices, 3-all in harmony, 4-bass voices, 5-all)

Thanks for your Generosity

Normandale's 75th Anniversary
Kristi Shepherd, Director of Congregational Engagement

Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

Carol Prelude on Greensleeves

Richard Purvis

*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.**

*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus

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*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

What Child Is This
In the Bleak Midwinter

ELW 296
ELW 294

Communion Blessing

*Sending Hymn

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (Stanzas 4-6)

ELW 308

*Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sending Music

O Morning Star

Buxtehude

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 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.

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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

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.

No Sunday School Today!

Regular Programming 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? Come anyway all are welcome!

WORSHIP LEADERS

President: Pastor Hans Lee
Liturgist: Jacob Boettcher Belz
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Acolyte: Liam Henningsen
Crucifer: Travis Mosely
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Sacristan: Edel Henningsen
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