

Normandale
Lutheran
Church



Edina, Minnesota

The Heavens were Opened

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025 | 9:30am

Congregational responses in **bold**

* Please stand as you are comfortable

Gathering Music

Three Hymn Preludes

John Ferguson

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime; My God, How Wonderful Thou Art; Thy Holy Wings

In loving memory of Dr. John Allen Ferguson, 1941-2025

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Jesus, We Are Gathered

Patrick Matiskenyiri

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere, for Minnehaha, Minnetonka, and the Mississippi.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW 304

*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

Glory to God in the Highest

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*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your Beloved. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

**the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

The voice | of the Lord
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are | crying, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

**O Lord, give strength | to your people;
give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace.**

*Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

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*Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with

(Gospel continued on the next page)

the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Hans Lee

***Hymn of the Day**

Crashing Waters at Creation

ELW 455

Thanks for your Generosity

Meals on Wheels

Lori Olson, VP, Meals on Wheels Board of Directors
Betsy Pfeifer, NLC Meals on Wheels Volunteer

***Sharing of the Peace**

Music at the Offering

My Dancing Day

Traditional
arr. Gregory Peterson

***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,
hear 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.

***Sending Hymn**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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***Blessing and Sending**

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

Sending Music

In Thee Is Gladness

J. S. Bach

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 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.

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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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Sunday School

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

Preaching: Pastor Hans Lee
Liturgist: Pastor Maria Pederson
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Choir: Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, Director
Accompianist: Lorna Wolthoff

Lector: Kim Pinkham
Greeters: Brad & Susie Baker, Jack & Marilyn Kemme
Sacristan: Cindy Nelson
Ushers: Chin Team