

# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025 | 9:30am

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## Welcome, we're glad you're here!

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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Congregational responses in **bold**

\* Please stand as you are comfortable

## Gathering Music

*Variations on a Norwegian Folktune*

*Bjarne Sløgedal*

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

*Bell Toll*

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us when we ignore the needs of our neighbors; when we resist your call to oppose injustice; when we give in to scarcity and fear; and when we assume the worst about one another. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

## \*Gathering Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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## \*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

*This Is the Feast*

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## \*Prayer of the Day

Good and gracious God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love. Expand our holy imagination and open us up to how far your love and mercy reach, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

## Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge;  
let me never be | put to shame.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;  
incline your ear to | me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;  
you are my crag | and my stronghold.

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, | O Lord GOD,  
my confidence since | I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have | been my strength;  
my praise shall be al- | ways of you.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*

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## \*Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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## Sermon

Pastor Maria Pederson

## \*Hymn of the Day

*O Word of God Incarnate*

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## Sharing of the Peace

### Music at the Offering

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

arr. John Ferguson

### \*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

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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

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 715

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW 479

### Communion Blessing

### \*Sending Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

ELW 836

### \*Blessing and Sending

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

### Sending Music

*Hymn to Joy*

arr. Kristina Langlois

# WELCOME TO NORMANDALE

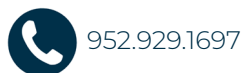


Led by the Holy Spirit and living in God's grace, Normandale Lutheran Church is a community of believers who love, learn, worship, and serve as we walk in relationship with Jesus Christ and others. We hope you find in us a place of welcome, a place of worship, a place for you.

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



## Connect with us today



[normluth.org](http://normluth.org)

## 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](http://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.

### WAYS TO GIVE

**Online:** [normluth.org/give](http://normluth.org/give)

**Text:** gift amount to: 952.260.5601

**Download the App:** ShelbyNEXT|Giving select "Normandale Lutheran" (55436)



### 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.

**Extended PrayGround** is located outside of the sanctuary next to the Fishbowl for children age 4 and up and their families. There are quiet activities and a screen to see and hear worship.

**Busy Bags** filled with quiet activities are hanging outside the main entrance of the sanctuary.

**Bulletins & Coloring Sheets** are located on a table by 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.

### Sunday School

**10:40-11:30am | Age 3 - 4th Grade**

First Floor: Preschool - Room 100  
3rd Floor: Grades K, 1 & 2 - Multi Purpose Room North  
Grades 3 & 4 - Multi Purpose Room South

Not Registered? No problem! Join today, all are welcome!

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider: Pastor Maria Pederson  
Liturgist: Pastor Hans Lee  
Organist: Lorna Wolthoff  
Choir: Normandale, Brad Beale, guest conductor  
Cantor: Brad Beale  
Acolytes: Oleg & Maxim Komarenko

Lector:  
Greeters:  
Sacristan:  
Ushers:  
Communion Set-up:  
Communion Deacons:

Carmen Eide  
Dot Olson, Jean Wikoff  
Cindy Nelson  
Feyder Team  
Jon Kuehl, Martha Taylor, Susie Baker  
Jim Granquist, Bert & Charlie Ledder,  
Susan Sackrison