



life rising

Normandale Lutheran Church

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026 | 9:30 am**

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.



Normandale Lutheran Church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) 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.

Ways to Give

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normluth.org/give

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Normandale Lutheran Church
Normandale Lutheran Youth

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HERE ?**



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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

A FLAME 

Sunday School Ministry

Sunday School returns in September!

Interested in volunteering with Children's
Faith Formation, including Sunday School?

Contact CYF@Normluth.org

Worship With Us

Hymnals are located in the pew backs. Both the ELW (red) and ACS (purple) hymnals are used in worship.

Large Print copies of bulletins, hymns and ELW liturgical settings are available. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

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, dairy free bread, and grape juice are available.

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.

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 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.

Sensory Headphones are hanging outside the main sanctuary doors.

Congregational responses in **bold**
* Please stand as you are comfortable

Gathering

Gathering Music Partita on *Westminster Abbey* Robert J. Powell

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship *Beautiful Savior* arr. David Allen

*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.

***Processional Hymn** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* ELW 645

Promises of Baptism

Peter Silas Brust
son of Erik and Sarah Beth Brust

In mercy and love, God gives new birth to all into a living hope through the promises of baptism. Recognizing our human need, we celebrate God's dependable goodness, infinite new starts, and continued claim on our lives. Today, we especially celebrate that God claims Peter as God's own, takes delight in him, and surrounds him with love.

Erik and Sarah Beth, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Peter baptized into Christ?

As you bring Peter to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, to bring him to Jesus' sacred meal, to place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, nurturing him in faith and grounding him in prayer, so that he will learn to trust God, proclaim Christ, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help him grow in his Christian faith and life?

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Peter in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the promise of baptism and to live among God's faithful people?

Dear People of God, do you promise to surround Peter with love and grace, and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **Congregation responds: We do.**

***Profession of Faith**

Do you reject the falsehoods which deny God's love and promise?

I renounce them.

Do you reject the powers of this world that openly rebel against God's purposes?

I renounce them.

Do you reject the enticing ways of sin that pull us away from God's hopes for us?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism and Placement of Baptismal Stole

Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you claim your children as your own. Sustain Peter with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the awe of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Anointment with Oil and Presentation of Baptismal Candle

Welcome

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: giving thanks, praising God, and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God in the Highest

ELW Page 148

***Prayer of the Day**

God of Good News, give us grace to find our true home in you, to love one another on the way, and to share this risen life with all the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth, and Life, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Maria Pederson

Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

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

**Incline your | ear to me;
make haste to de- | liver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,
for you are my tow- | er of strength.**

Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

**My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.**

**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love."**

*Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

*Gospel

John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in

the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

***Hymn of the Day**

When We Are Living (stanzas 1-3, then repeat 1)

ELW 639

Prayers and Offering

***Prayers of Intercession**

Congregational response following each petition:

Merciful God,
receive 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.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ is with you all.
And also with you.

Thanks for your Generosity

Normandale Foundation, Greg Buck

Music at the Offering

Trumpet Tune on *Westminster Abbey*

Mark Sedio

***Noisy Offering | Offertory Response**

Doxology (tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia (2)!**
**Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia (5)!**

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***Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. Nourish us with the whole life of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Sending

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ELW 449

*Sending

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Sending Music

Postlude on *Engelberg*

Craig Phillips

Worship Leaders

Preaching:	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Liturgists:	Pastors Maria Pederson, Adam White
Organist:	John Stender
Cantor:	Arthur Dodington
Choirs:	Cherub and Children's Choirs, Lily Ahrendt, director
Accompanist:	Angela Anderson
Acolyte:	Ayla Kluis
Baptism Deacon:	Carmen Eide
Greeters:	Scott & Kelly Olson
Lector:	Lee Newcomer
Sacristan:	Cindy Nelson
Ushers:	Kemme Team

Outdoor Worship:

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 24

9:30 a.m.

Trinity Commons

(Weather Permitting)



Stay in the loop @ NLC

Community



WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 FROM 5:00 - 7:30 P.M.

A Special Normandale Table

Normandale Fiesta!

Gather outdoors in Trinity Commons for our last Normandale Table meal of the year. Taco Bar with all the fixings!

No RSVP required!
Free For All!

Come hungry. Leave connected.

Prayers for Peace

All are Welcome!

A simple morning service of prayer and reflection.

Tuesdays in the Chapel | 9:00-9:20am



*Celebrating
the lives of*

Marlene Noble

May 15, 2026

10:00am - Visitation

11:00am - Service

12:00pm - Reception

Gary Bartz

May 18, 2026

10:00am - Visitation

11:00am - Service

12:00pm - Reception

THANK YOU

Kim Pinkham

With much gratitude and love, we thank Kim for her service as a member of our Hospitality Team Staff since 2021. Kim has faithfully nourished our community with her loving attention to detail! Share your thanks with Kim when you see her!

Beginning in May, Sunday donuts and coffee will be hosted by our Volunteer Hospitality Team. To get involved contact Kristi Shepherd.

We love you, Kim!

Adults



NORMANDALE CENTER FOR *Healing & Wholeness*

A nonprofit and mission outreach program of Normandale Lutheran Church. We serve **older adults and their caregivers** in the congregation and the community to support health in spirit, mind, and body.

We offer **caregiver support groups, 1:1 and family care consultations, evidence-based and healthy aging workshops, caregiver education with respite, medical equipment loans**, and more.

There are many opportunities to volunteer. Stop by our office on the 2nd floor or call us at 952.929.1698. We're open Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm.



Pilates with Jen

JENNIFER PEDERSON
PHYSICAL THERAPY, LLC

now through May 28
Thursdays 9-10AM
in Studio B

\$15 per session.
Payable via cash or
Venmo at the door.

Please bring a mat and towel.
No experience required.

Strengthen your body and soul!



May 13
11:00am-1:00pm
Fireside Room

Moose is Loose

From the big-eyed white-tailed deer in our Minnesota yards, to the caribou of Alaska's tundra, to the big-limbed moose of the north woods, traveling **naturalist Melonie Shipman** has been engaged with the deer family for decades. We'll explore their special adaptations and lifestyles as vegetarians who must manage long, snowy winters and multiple predators just to survive another day. You'll look with new eyes at animals you may have seen many times in your life. Now you'll know the rest of the story!

All are welcome!
A suggested donation of \$10 includes lunch.

BOOK, BAGEL & BREW

Saturday, May 16
10am - Noon | Studio A
Book: *A Song to Drown Rivers*
by Ann Liang



EMAIL KATIE NIESSEN WITH QUESTIONS:
KATIEJNANA@GMAIL.COM

Adult Forum Series
Presented by RJET:

White Christian Nationalism (Emphasis on Theology over Politics)

following Worship at 10:45am
Sundays: May 17, June 7
Fellowship Hall



lecture and discussion with
Luther Seminary Professor
of Theology Amy Marga

Children, Youth & Family (CYF)

**REGISTER
NOW!**

2026 SUMMER ADVENTURE



Summer Stretch After Dark: June 9-11 | Current 6th - 8th Graders

Vacation Bible School & After Care: June 15-18 | Current 3-year olds to 4th Graders

Summer Stretch: July 7-9 | Current 3rd -5th Graders

WE NEED YOU!

**Volunteer at one of our
CYF Summer Programs!**



scan the QR Code
for more info!

Summer Stretch After Dark

June 9-11 | 4-9PM

Vacation Bible School

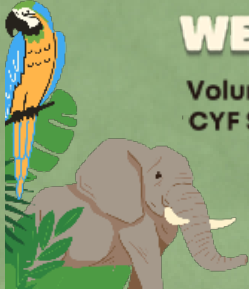
June 15-18 | 8AM-12PM

Colorado Overnight Urban Trek

June 21-28 | Denver, CO

Summer Stretch

July 7-9 | 9AM-2PM



Kid's Day In

Sunday, 5/17
10:30am-2:30pm
Cost \$60

Ages 3-13 are invited to join us
for 4 hours of fun and games.
Meals and Snacks included.



All profits will benefit Normandale Youth Summer Travel

Did you know that a meaningful part of Normandale's annual budget—about \$560,000—comes from offerings that aren't pledged (planned) in advance? So far this year, financial gifts from households that didn't make a pledge are coming in at about half of what we typically see. Meanwhile, pledged giving is strong and even ahead of pace—thank you for that generous support! If you're one of the many households who give without making a formal pledge, we're grateful for you. As you're able, we urge you to take a look at your giving so far this year and consider making a contribution to help keep things on track at the church. **Every gift matters, and together, they make all the difference.**

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS & FUN FACTS ABOUT
CHURCH FINANCES AND HOW YOUR GIVING
SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY.

**GENEROSITY
CORNER**

This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church

May 11 - 17, 2026

Monday, May 11

1:00pm - 5:00pm
4:30pm - 6:30pm

Heritage Committee
National Lutheran Choir
Vocal Assessments
National Lutheran Choir Auditions

Third Floor
Rehearsal Room

Chapel

Tuesday, May 12

9:00am - 9:20am
10:00am - 12:00pm
4:00pm - 8:00pm
5:00pm - 10:00pm
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Prayers for Peace
Giving Voice Chorus
REACH Youth Juggling Club
Crescendo Choir Rehearsal
Alcoholics Anonymous

Chapel
Rehearsal Room
Gym
Sanctuary
Room 207

Wednesday, May 13

11:00am - 1:30pm
12:00pm - 1:00pm
5:00pm - 7:30pm
5:00pm - 5:45pm
5:45pm - 6:30pm
6:30pm - 7:30pm
6:30pm - 7:30pm
6:30pm - 8:00pm
7:30pm - 9:00pm
7:30pm - 8:30pm
8:30pm - 9:30pm

Second Wednesday
Al-Anon
Normandale Table Fiesta
Cherub Choir
Children's Choir
SPARK
IGNITE
Normandale Choir Rehearsal
Wooddale Ave AA Meeting
Life Out Loud
ABLAZE

Fireside Room
Multi Purpose North
Trinity Commons
Trinity Commons
Trinity Commons
Trinity Commons
Fireside Room
Rehearsal Room
Studio A
Fish Bowl
Fish Bowl

Thursday, May 14

9:00am - 10:00am
9:30am - 12:30pm
3:15pm - 4:30pm
4:00pm - 6:00pm
5:00pm - 10:00pm
5:45pm - 6:45pm
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Pilates with Jen
National Lutheran Choir - Meeting
RJET Book Club
REACH Youth Juggling Club
Crescendo Choir Spring Concert
Handbell Choir
High School Senior Evening of Reflection

Studio B
Studio A
Virtual: on Zoom
Gym
Sanctuary
Multi Purpose North
Chapel

Friday, May 15

10:00am - 1:30pm

Marlene Noble Memorial Service

Chapel

Saturday, May 16

10:00am - 12:00pm

Book, Bagel & Brew

Studio A

Sunday, May 17

9:30am - 10:30am
10:30am - 11:30am
10:30am - 11:30am
10:30am - 2:00pm
6:30pm - 9:30pm

Worship
Coffee & Fellowship
White Christian Nationalism & Us (series)
Kids Day In
St. Louis Park Sunday Night AA Group

Sanctuary
Fireside Room
Fellowship Hall
Fishbowl
Fellowship Hall

For more information
and to view a full
calendar of events,
visit normluth.org.

