



First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025 | 9:30am

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.

Congregational responses in **bold**

* Please stand as you are comfortable

In celebration of Women's History Month and International Women's Day, the American Guild of Organists is celebrating March 9 as Woman Composer Sunday. Our music today features a new work for organ, Diptych by Brenda Portman, winner of the AGO 2025 Woman Composer Sunday Organ Composition Competition, and We Shall Walk Through the Valley, by the "dean of African-American woman composers," Undine Smith Moore.

Gathering Music

Diptych for Organ: I. Prayer

Brenda Portman

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

For the Beauty of the Earth
Lyrics edited by Cherub Choir

Traditional

*Confession and Forgiveness

God of all grace, be near in the midst of our brokenness, turning us from the things that keep us from right relationship with you, ourselves, and one another. Compel us toward compassion as we confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and are strengthened to serve in your name. **Amen.**

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

God of mercy, **you delight in goodness and judge sin. Give us open and honest hearts to recognize the ways we have turned from you, from our own belovedness, and from one another. We see the world through the lens of scarcity instead of your lens of abundance. We see people as us and them instead of one body in you. We participate in the brokenness of the world, caught in webs beyond individual choices of right and wrong. Quiet our inner and outer strife, O God, and draw us into your forgiveness and wholeness. Through your divine love, transform all that threatens to destroy the good that you have created.**

Beloved people of God: At a table that Jesus sets, God forgives us and feeds us with love eternal. In water and promise, God brings us to new life and breathes into us gifts to serve the world. You are forgiven, in the name of Christ who calls us into the coming of God's reign where all are supported, nourished, and loved. **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

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*Kyrie

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*Prayer of the Day

God of life, you guide us in the wilderness and speak to us through scripture and Spirit. Root us in the words of our faith and the spirit of your love, that we may share the everlasting grace you give all people. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
**you will say to the Lord, "My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust."**

Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

**I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

*Gospel Acclamation

Return to the Lord, Your God

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*Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

*Hymn of the Day

When We Are Tested

ACS 922

*Apostles' Creed

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

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 into hell. 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.

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.

Thanks for Generosity

Community Emergency Service (CES) Packing Event
Jamie Dolynchuk, CES President

*Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

We Shall Walk Through the Valley

Undine Smith Moore

*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:

God 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

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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*Blessing and Sending

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

Sending Music

Diptych for Organ: II. Paeon

Brenda Portman

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.



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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 community. 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.

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

Preacher: Pastor Hans Lee
Liturgists: Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Choirs: Children's Choir, Lily Askegaard, director
Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, director
Cantor: Lucia Feyder
Greeters: Mel Henry, Dave Myhre
Lector: Marilyn Kemme
Sacristan: Kim Sannerud
Ushers: Elenkiwich & Noble Teams