

Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion
March 16, 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

Gathering Music

Air

Gerre Hancock

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Lord, May Your Spirit Enter

Brett Epperson

*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

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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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.**

*Kyrie

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*Prayer of the Day

God of peace, you love your whole creation, and you gather us in your wings and lead us to rest. Fill us with your love and care, that we might share your costly and tender compassion with all. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

**When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.

One thing I ask of the Lord; one | thing I seek;

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to seek God | in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctu- | ary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to
the Lord.**

Hear my voice, O Lord, | when I call;

have mercy on me and | answer me.

My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”

Your face, O Lord, | I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

**Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,
the Lord will | take me in.**

Teach me your | way, O Lord;

lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.

Subject me not to the will | of my foes,

for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.

This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the Lord

in the land | of the living!

Wait for the Lord | and be strong.

Take heart and wait | for the Lord!

*Gospel Acclamation

Return to the Lord Your God

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*Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Hans Lee

*Hymn of the Day

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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.

*Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

*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.

First Communion

During Communion today, the following students will be recognizing their First Communion and the learning of this Sacrament they completed last week.

Clara Anderson, Peter Clifford, Grant Desjardins, Charlie Doonan, Britta Gunderson, Leona Hall, Jack Kasner, Luke Kleven, Frankie LaPorte, Xavier Larson, Zander Larson, Samantha McCabe, Henley McLain, Alex Ouska, Charlotte Ouska, Sophie Ouska, Kjerstin Peacock, Piper Peterson, Hadley Petz, Everett Plank, Lily Schlecht, Evelyn Seltz, Torsten Simons, Violet Simons, Arthur Steuerwald, Kaia Wild, Lindy Wild

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

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW 468

Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613

Communion Blessing

*Sending Hymn

O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate (Stanzas 1, 3, 4)

ELW 722

Blessing and Sending

*Sending Music

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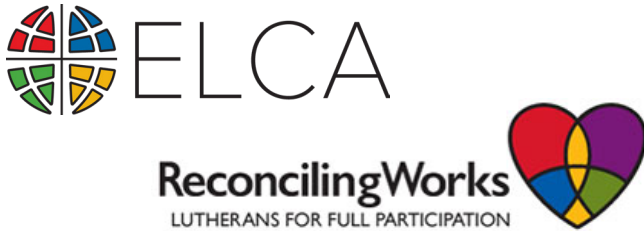
Joel Martinson

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.

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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 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,
Pastor Maria Pederson
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Choir: Normandale Choir
Director: Gregory Peterson
Cantor: Stephen Rush

Acolytes:
Lector: Carmen Eide
Greeters: Shirley Ramberg, Norm & Judy Teigen
Sacristans: Edel Henningsen
Ushers: Elenkiwich & Noble teams
Communion Set-up: Pam Werley, Martha Taylor, Derek Camenga
Communion Deacons: Bert & Charlie Ledder