



# Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 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

*Prelude and Fugue on "O Darkest Woe"*

Johannes Brahms

### Words of Welcome

### Call to Worship

*Lord, May Your Spirit Enter*

Brett Epperson

### \*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

*In the Cross of Christ I 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.**

### \*Kyrie

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### \*Prayer of the Day

**Creative God, you prepare a path through the sea, and a road through our wilderness. Open our hearts to receive the new thing you are doing! Transform us with the extravagance of your grace, so our lives might bear the aroma of abundant love for all. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion,  
then were we like | those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great | things for them."**

The Lord has done great | things for us,  
and we are | glad indeed.

**Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

Those who | sowed with tears  
will reap with | songs of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,  
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Return to the Lord, Your God*

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## \*Gospel

John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

## \*Hymn of the Day

*As the Winter Days Grow Longer*

ACS 924

## \*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

Normandale Center for Healing & Wholeness  
Jennifer Monroe, Executive Director

## \*Sharing of the Peace

### Music at the Offering

*Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee*

Johannes Brahms

## \*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

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus  
Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW 338

ELW 685

### Communion Blessing

### \*Sending Hymn

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

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### \*Blessing and Sending

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

### \*Sending Music

*O God, My Faithful God*

Johannes Brahms

## 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](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

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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 just 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.

### **No Sunday School Today! See you next week.....**

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 Rebecca Gamble  
**Liturgist:** Jacob Boettcher Belz  
**Organist:** Gregory Peterson  
**Choir:** Normandale Choir  
**Director:** Gregory Peterson  
**Accompanist:** Lorna Wolthoff  
**Cantor:** Teddie Rush

**Acolytes:** Eliise & Eilee Hietala  
**Lector:** Carmen Eide  
**Greeters:** Mel Henry, Dot Olson  
**Sacristan:** Cindy Nelson  
**Communion Set-up:** Martha Taylor, Pam Werley  
**Communion Deacons:** Jim Granquist, Susan Sackrison