



Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 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

The Day of Resurrection
Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. Michael Helman
arr. Kevin McChesney

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Processional

Carl Wiltse

*Processional Hymn

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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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.

Promises of Baptism

Parker Kenneth Steubs, Mac Michael Steubs, Paige K Lynn Stuebs

Children of Michael & Courtney Steubs

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 Parker, Mac & Paige as God's own, takes delight in them and surrounds them with love.

Michael & Courtney, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

As you bring Parker, Mac & Paige to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, to bring them to Jesus' sacred meal, to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, nurturing them in faith and grounding them in prayer, so that they 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 them grow in their Christian faith and life?

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

Dear people of God, do you promise to surround Parker, Mac & Paige with love and grace, and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **Response: We do.**

***Apostles' Creed**

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

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 Parker, Mac & Paige 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.

Reading

Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150

God in the | holy temple;

praise God in the | mighty firmament.

Praise God for | mighty acts;

praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness.

Praise God with | trumpet sound;

praise God with | lyre and harp.

Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;

praise God with | strings and pipe.

Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;

praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.

Let everything | that has breath

praise the Lord. | Hallelujah!

***Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

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*Gospel

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

*Hymn of the Day

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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Thanks for Generosity

Stephen Ministry

*Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. John Ferguson

*Noisy Offering | Offertory Response

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). 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:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*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

Thine Is the Glory

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*Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sending Music

Thine is the Glory

arr. Karl Osterland

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Liturgists: Pastors Hans Lee, Maria Pederson
Organist: Lorna Wolthoff
Cantor: Mark Johns
Instrumental: Normandale Bells, Lorna Wolthoff, director

Baptism Deacon: Kim Pinkham
Crucifer: Gene Diaz
Greeters: Mel Henry, Shirley Ramberg
Lector:
Sacristan: Nate & Emily Steuerwald
Ushers: Sannerud Team