

Living Boldly

He is Risen!
Easter Sunday



NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 20, 2025 | 8:00AM WORSHIP

WELCOME TO NORMANDALE



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 proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. Together we 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.

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WORSHIP WITH US

Livestream of Sunday worship is available as a way to participate in the regular worship life of our congregation. Visit normluth.org/livestream to watch from wherever you are.

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.

Holy Communion is offered during worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

NLC Kids

PrayGround is located at the front of the worship space and is filled with quiet toys and comfy seating for the littles 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 outside of the main sanctuary doors.

OUR WORSHIP this Easter day ushers in a season of celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a season filled with Alleluias! The Alleluia, absent from our Lenten worship and symbolically buried outside, returns. Watch for it during the processional hymn. Alleluia is THE WORD for Easter and we will sing it and shout it today and through the seven Sundays of the Easter season.



We have joy in sharing this ritual celebration of God's new life around and within us.
Come celebrate new life this Easter!

DARKNESS TO LIGHT: THE FIRST SERVICE OF EASTER

Congregational responses in **bold**.

* Please stand, as you are comfortable.

GATHERING

Service begins outside in Trinity Commons to greet the Resurrection dawn with the New Fire of Easter. [Inclement weather site is in the Fireside Room by the fireplace].

We gather early this Easter morning to celebrate this most holy day break as we make passage with Christ from darkness to light, from death to life. This service will include elements of the Easter Vigil and marks the end of the Three Days liturgy.

This is the final act of salvation—the resurrection of Jesus.

**The Service of Light*

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.



We process into the sanctuary led by the cross.



*Once the processional leaders reach their places in the front,
please fill in the pews starting with the front rows first.
Please remain standing as you are comfortable.*



**The Easter Proclamation (The Exsultet)*

Rejoice, now all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation. Exult, also, O Earth, enlightened with such radiance; and made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world. Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples. **Amen.**

**Processional Hymn Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

ELW 365

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Greeting*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day*

God of angelic voices, God of new clothing, God of curtains torn open and tombs empty, sear courage into us, that we will be singers of life and not of death. Make our lives to proclaim your good news, that Jesus Christ is alive and death cannot hold him, through the glorious resurrection of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

Pastor Maria Pederson

Hymn

Be Not Afraid (sung three times)

ELW 388

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

Let Israel | now declare,

"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

The Lord is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:

"The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"

The right hand of the Lord | is exalted!
The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"

I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works | of the Lord.

The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

Open for me the | gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.

"This is the gate | of the Lord;
here the righ- | teous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.

The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

By the Lord has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

**Gospel Processional*

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

**Gospel*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty fourth chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 24:1-12

P: Word of God, Word of Life.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Recessional Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

ELW 172

Sermon

Pastor Hans Lee

**Hymn of the Day Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

ELW 369

**Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Sharing of the Peace*

Offering

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**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)!**

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 | SENDING

**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.

**Blessing*

**Hymn*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

ELW 385

**Dismissal*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Postlude*

Toccata (Symphony for Organ No. 5)

Charles-Marie Widor

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING	Pastor Hans Lee
LITURGISTS	Pastors Rebecca Gamble, Maria Pederson
ORGANIST	Gregory Peterson
INSTRUMENTAL	Normandale Brass
ACOLYTES	Kira Peterson, James Nordin, Lucia Feyder
CANTORS	Winnie Feyder, Lucia Feyder
CRUCIFER	Duncan Kluis
LECTOR	Annileigh Nelson
SACRISTAN	Cindy Nelson
USHERS	Bruce & Maren Kleven, Tony Kanwar, Brent Malcom, Willie Malcom



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.

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.

