



* Please stand as you are comfortable
Congregational responses in **bold**

All gather in silence for prayer and reflection on the mystery of our salvation.

Ministers Enter in Silence

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your love abounds and grace overflows beyond any reasonable end. Look with mercy on your family of followers, for whom our Lord Jesus was betrayed, handed over to the authorities, and suffered death on the cross. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Psalm 22: 1-8, 27-31

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?

**My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;
by night, but I | find no rest.**

Yet you are the | Holy One,
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

**Our ancestors put their | trust in you,
they trusted, and you | rescued them.**

They cried out to you and | were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

**But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,
scorned by all and despised | by the people.**

All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.

**“Trust in the Lord; let the | Lord deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.”**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

**For dominion belongs | to the Lord,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the Lord.

**Their descendants shall | serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

**They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, “The | Lord has acted!”**

Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

First Reading

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.
All: Have mercy on us.

John 18:1-27

Reader: We all have experienced betrayal, shame, and hurt. We all have lived in denial.
All: Jesus' love is a reassurance in the wilderness of sin.

Hymn

Stay With Me (sung 3 times)

ELW 348

Second Reading

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.
All: Have mercy on us.

John 18:28-19:16

Reader: We all know the fear of loving what death can touch. We all know the fear of loss.
All: Jesus' love is stronger than our fears. Jesus' presence is peace. Jesus is the light of the world.

Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 803

Third Reading

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.
All: Have mercy on us.

John 19:17-30

Reader: We know what it is to benefit at the expense of others, and yet we turn away from the humanity of all.
All: Jesus' love is an antidote in the wilderness of greed.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349

*Fourth Reading

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.
All: Have mercy on us.

John 19:31-42

Reader: We know the pain of isolation. We know the sting of death. We know the heaviness of raw grief.
All: Jesus' suffering love is a companion in the wilderness. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of the Day

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
(choir sings stanza 2)

ELW 351

Bidding Prayer

Response after each petition:

Leader: Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The 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.

Anthem

We Adore You, O Christ

Richard Proulx

Silent Procession of the Cross

Leader: Behold the life-giving cross, on which is hung the Savior of the whole world.

All: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*Adoration of the Cross

You are invited to drop a nail in one of the buckets near the cross as we gather around it to meditate on the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Hymn

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Please leave the worship space in silence.
Offering plates are located outside the sanctuary doors.*

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.

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.



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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

THE THREE DAYS | TRIDUUM: On Thursday we begin the Triduum which means THE THREE DAYS. The Triduum includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Darkness to Light: The First Service of Easter which includes elements of the Easter Vigil. These three days are one liturgy. No benediction separates them as they share our celebration of the great mystery of our salvation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: We gather for confession and absolution to mark the end of our Lenten observance which began on Ash Wednesday with the marking of ashes and our confession of sin. On this night we receive absolution, and after hearing Jesus' command to love one another, come forward to be strengthened by his own body and blood given "for you." As Psalm 22 is sung, we strip the altar as we are reminded that Christ walked from the meal to his suffering and death.

GOOD FRIDAY: We gather in silence to hear of Christ's suffering on the cross. We lift up prayers for the church, the world, and for those of other faiths and no faith, remembering the encompassing love of Jesus for all this fallen world.

DARKNESS TO LIGHT | THE FIRST SERVICE OF EASTER: We gather early on 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 Easter vigil and marks the end of the Three Days liturgy. Gather before 8:00am at Trinity Commons for the kindling of the new fire. From there, we'll move into the sanctuary.

Easter Worship at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am



Easter EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

**10:00AM:
TREATS, CRAFTS & STORYTELLING**

**11:00AM:
EGG HUNT**

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