

Normandale Lutheran Church



Edina, Minnesota

The Passion of Christ Palm Sunday

April 13, 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

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

*Gathering

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

*Processional Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Let us pray together. **Everlasting God, Christ's joyous entry into Jerusalem is also the way to suffering and death. As Christ becomes empty for our sake, fill us with the enormity of your love and boldness of your Spirit, to carry your compassion to each other and the world, through Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Savior. Amen.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

Let the stones cry out. **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!!**

Hosanna in the highest!!!

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! **Hosanna in the highest!**

Children's Message

Pastor Hans Lee

Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.
I have said, "You | are my God.**

My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love."**

Sermon

Pastor Maria Pederson

*Hymn

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

ELW 431

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Luke 22:14-23, 39, 47-62, 66-71

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?

Jesus Before Pilate

Luke 23:1-25

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?

The Death and Burial of Jesus

Luke 23:32-56

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?

Silence

Offering

Music at the Offering

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Dietrich Buxtehude

Prayer of Intercession

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

Silence

***Please leave the worship space in silence.
You are invited to place a prayer in the prayer wall.***

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 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.

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 Maria Pederson
Liturgists: Pastors Hans Lee, Rebecca Gamble
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Choir: Normandale Choir
Director: Gregory Peterson
Accompanist: Lorna Wolthoff
Cantor: Bill Eisenbarth

Acolytes: Annika McCutcheon, Liam Henningsen
Crucifer: Gene Diaz
Greeters: Dave Myhre, Mel Henry
Lector: Marilyn Kemme
Ushers: Kim Sannerud, Bruce & Maren Kleven, Gene Diaz, Chris Eide
Sacristan: Edel Henningsen