

Normandale
Lutheran
Church



Edina, Minnesota

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Outdoor Worship

Trinity Commons
May 25, 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

All Glory Be to God on High

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Words of Welcome

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

*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.

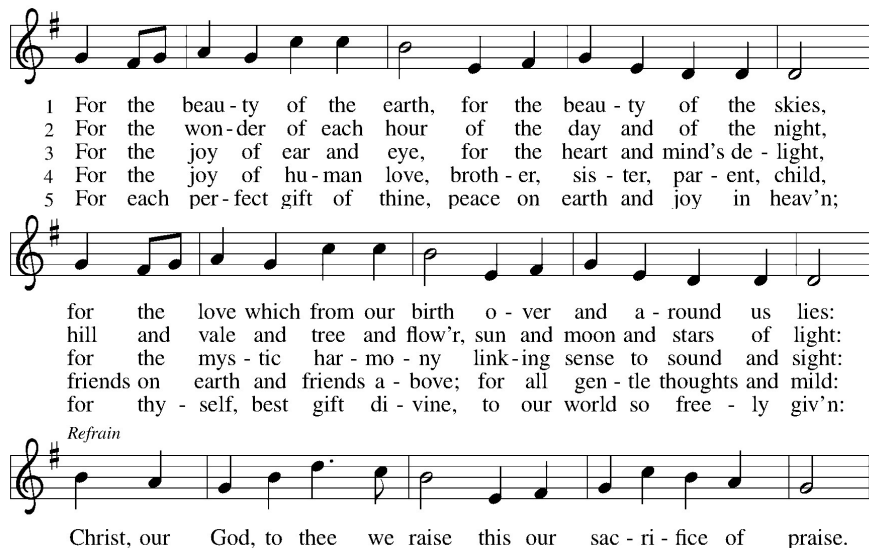
*Prayer of the Day

Good and gracious God, you refuse to love from a distance. Scripture tells us how you come to your people time and again. Come to us now in this time of worship. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit, we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Reading

Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God’s face | shine upon us.
Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth.
Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.
May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

*Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174



*Gospel

John 14:23-29

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Maria Pederson

*Hymn of the Day

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

ELW 377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,

Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia, arr. Valerie A. Floeter

*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)

*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:

God in your mercy,
hear our 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.

*Sending Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God

ELW 866

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

*Blessing and Sending

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

Sending Music

Voluntary No. 1 in D Major

William Boyce

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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TODAY AT NORMANDALE

Outdoor Fellowship

Join us for coffee and donuts in the parking lot near the bridge to Trinity Commons following worship.

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Text: gift amount to: 952.260.5601

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NLC Kids

The Play Ground is the PrayGround!



Families are welcome to play while they worship. Let the children make joyful noise as they climb, jump and praise God with all their energy!

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Maria Pederson
Liturgist: Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Musician: Gregory Peterson
Lector: Ann Kinney

Greeters: Mel Henry
Sacristans: Emily & Nate Steuerwald
Ushers: Kemme Team

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1950-2025 | Celebrating 75 Years

Donating to Preschool Scholarship Fund



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Now and Forever.



The Normandale Lutheran Church Foundation has a history of 50 years of helping to develop the ministry efforts of our church, supporting neighbors in need as well as the strength of our surrounding community. They are sponsoring a couple of upcoming events to express their gratitude and to share a few stories of those who have decided to leave a lasting legacy through gifts to the Foundation.

The two hosted events will be **Sunday, June 1 at 5:30pm in the chapel** and **3:30pm on Thursday, June 12 at the home of Gordy & Dee Sprenger**.

The discussion at each will be the same, so attend either at your convenience. Please RSVP to Brent Malcom at bmalcom@normluth.org or (952) 977-9352 so we can plan refreshments and appetizers accordingly. Our June 1 gathering will precede our leadership forum happening after!

Leadership Forum June 1

The Future of Church Series: A Free & Public Forum

Multiplying Leadership: Cultivating a Mixed Ecology of Church in Today's World

Sunday, June 1

7:00pm

Sanctuary

Keynote Speaker:

Pastor, professor, author
Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile



60-minute presentation with Q&A; reception to follow

As part of our 75th anniversary commemoration, Normandale Lutheran Church is having free and public community forums to prepare us as we lean into our future. Our second forum around leadership will be Sunday, June 1 at 7:00pm in our sanctuary. Our keynote speaker will be professor, pastor, and author Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile of Luther Seminary. Please come ready to listen and inquire in order for our thinking and creativity to be motivated towards our next 75 years!

Calling All Current & Future Ushers!

Usher Informational Meeting

Tuesday, May 27

6:30-7:30pm

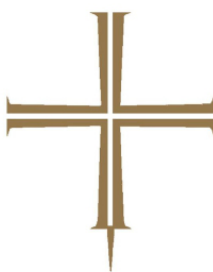
Fireside Room

Training, Q&A,
and fellowship

All current ushers and those interested in this ministry are invited!



In Remembrance of Our Beloved



Celebrating the life of

Dan Stenoien

Friday, May 30th

11:00am

Visitation: 10:00am

Reception Following: Fireside Room



Consider Benefits of Care Consultations

Care Consultations & Family Meetings

You might benefit from a care consultation with a licensed social worker if...

You are a caregiver and...

- are considering a move
- want to travel with your care partner
- think you might be on the verge of burnout
- need referrals for legal, financial, mental health or other concerns

AND/OR

Your care receiver...

- received a new diagnosis
- should stop driving
- has begun to exhibit a new symptom that you are unsure how to tackle



And so many more reasons. Interested? Please contact Becky@normandalecenter.org.

Guys: Get Your Tickets Vs. The Cubs!

BUY TICKETS NOW !!

TUESDAY, JULY 8

MEN'S NIGHT

TWINS VS. CUBS



DEADLINE TO GET TICKETS: JUNE 17TH



Leadership Conversation June 8

The Future of Church Series:

A Conversation Around Leadership

Sunday, June 8
10:30am-1:30pm
Chapel

Facilitator:
Consultant &
Normandale Member
Jim Meffert



Exploring, discerning, & enabling plans of action;
light meal provided - register today so we know how
much food to prepare! →



One New Story This Week!

"Like Always, Like Never Before"



NORMANDALE
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1950-2025 | Celebrating 75 Years

Presenting **75 Stories**



Anyone 5th Grade and Up is Eligible



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Like Always, Like Never Before

One of our objectives in celebrating our 75th anniversary is to graciously acknowledge the gifts from our past and how they have led us to the gifts of our present and future.

Normandale was founded and has both survived and thrived throughout its history with a consistent and exceptionally strong leadership. We have been continuously blessed with those who have led and shaped us to become the community we are today.



Continued special thanks to our Heritage Committee and Bert Ledder for their dedication to showcasing these pieces!

This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church May 26 - June 1, 2025

Monday, May 26th

Building is closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 27th

9:30am - 10:45am
6:30pm - 7:30pm
6:30pm - 7:30pm
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Worship Planning Team Meeting
Alcoholics Anonymous
Usher Informational Meeting
Church Council

Choir Conference Room
Room 207
Fireside Room
Studio A

Wednesday, May 28th

12:00pm - 1:00pm
7:30pm - 9:00pm

Al-Anon
AA Meeting

Multi Purpose North
Studio A

Thursday, May 29th

3:15pm - 4:30pm
3:30pm - 6:00pm

Racial Justice & Equity Book Club
Edina Coalition for Grief Support

Zoom (Virtual)
First and Second Floors

Friday, May 30th

10:00am - 1:00pm
7:00pm - 9:30pm

Dan Stenoien Visitation, Memorial, & Reception
Last Day of Middle School Movie Night

Fireside Room, Sanctuary
Trinity Commons

Saturday, May 31st

No events planned.

Sunday, June 1st

9:30am - 10:30am
11:30am - 1:00pm
5:30pm - 6:30pm
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Worship
Virtual Coffee Hour
Normandale Foundation Legacy Society Event
Future of Church Forum on Leadership

Sanctuary
Zoom (Virtual)
Chapel
Sanctuary, Fireside Room