



Reformation Sunday

Normandale Lutheran Church

Affirmation of Baptism & Holy Communion
October 26, 2025 | 9:30 am

WELCOME TO A CELEBRATION OF

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Today as a congregation, **we celebrate the new life we are given in Christ in baptism.** This celebration is for all of us, and today there is a particular group that is called by name: our ninth-grade students. Together we rejoice in God's promise for these young people's lives: that they will live a life that is formed and reformed by God's grace.

We call this celebration Affirmation of Baptism - a ritual in the life of faith where we affirm the promises made by and for us in Baptism: that God's forgiveness and compassion endure forever and ever.

After worship, our Confirmands will receive you in the Narthex. We invite you to use this opportunity to encourage them, congratulate them, and wish them peace. **May all God's people rejoice today and always: for God's grace is for you, for me, and for all of us.** Amen.

MAY GOD'S PEACE SURROUND

OUR CONFIRMANDS

Asher Anderson | Maxwell Connelly

Winifred Feyder | Nels Gunderson

Eliise Hietala | Lucas Kleinjan

Ayla Kluis | Annileigh Nelson

Wyatt Pence | Core Piepho

Alison Schmidt | Vivian Schott

Leah Voigts | Charles Wold

*And you, child, will be called the prophet of
the Most High,*

*for you will go before the Lord to prepare his
ways,*

*to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.*

*Because of the tender mercy of our God,
The dawn from on high will break upon us,*

*to shine upon those who sit in darkness and
in the shadow of death,*

to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

LUKE
1:76-79

Welcome to Normandale Lutheran Church



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 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.



ELCA

Normandale Lutheran Church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.

Welcoming Statement



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

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.

We are 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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Normandale Lutheran Church
Normandale Lutheran Youth

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Sundays at Normandale

Join us as we gather weekly
for worship and fellowship!

9:30 Worship
in the sanctuary

10:30 Coffee & Donuts
in the Fireside Room

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. All are welcome at God's Table. Gluten free wafers, dairy free bread, and grape juice are available.

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.

WAYS TO GIVE

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gift amount to: 952.260.5601

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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 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 | Ages 3 - 4th Grade

First Floor:

Preschool - Room 100

3rd Floor:

Grades K, 1 & 2 - Multi Purpose Room N.

Grades 3 & 4 - Multi Purpose Room S.

Not Registered? No problem!

Contact Lily @ lilyaskegaard@normluth.org

Gathering

Congregational responses in **bold**

* Please stand as you are comfortable

Gathering Music

Lily's Polska

arr. The OK Factor
and Jaerv

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Though the Earth Shall Change

Rolf Vegdahl,
Tom Witt

*Proclamation Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW 504

Rite of Confirmation

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Affirmation of Baptism

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, unite the hearts of all who call on you. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

*Profession of Faith

Congregational response following each question:
I renounce them.

*Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father?

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

We believe that God has created us together with all that exists. God has given us and still preserves our bodies and souls, all limbs and senses, house and home, family and possessions, and all that is needed for daily life. All this is done out of pure and divine goodness and mercy, and for that we ought to thank and praise and serve and obey. This is most certainly true.

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.

What does this mean?

We believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also true human, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed us and freed us from sin, death, and the powers of evil, not with silver or gold but with his holy and precious blood and innocent suffering and death. God has done all this so that we may live in beloved community and serve God always. This is most certainly true.

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.

What does this mean?

We believe that by our own understanding or strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called us through the gospel, enlightened us with gifts, made us holy, and kept us in true faith. This is most certainly true.

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Blessing and Placement of Stoles

Together we give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world. Let us rejoice with those making public affirmation of baptism.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Word

***Prayer of the Day**

Faithful God, your Spirit renews the church in every age! Pour out your Holy Spirit on your Church now, especially those affirming their Baptism today. Bless, challenge, and reshape us all as we listen, receive, and respond to your movement. Renew our imagination and courage to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and friend. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-33

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 3:21-24, 27-28

But now God has shown us a different way to heaven—not by “being good enough” and trying to keep his laws, but by a new way (though not new, really, for the Scriptures told about it long ago). Now God says he will accept and acquit us—declare us “not guilty”—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like.

Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God’s glorious ideal; yet now God declares us “not guilty” of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in his kindness freely takes away our sins. Then what can we boast about doing to earn our salvation? Nothing at all. Why? Because our acquittal is not based on our good deeds; it is based on what Christ has done and our faith in him. So it is that we are saved by faith in Christ and not by the good things we do.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*

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*Gospel

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’? Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

*Hymn of the Day

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

ELW 548

Music at the Offering

Obstinatpolskan

Trad. From Dalarna, Sweden
arr. Tobias Hedlund

***Noisy Offering | Offertory Response**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Holy Communion

***Prayer**

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus**

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***Words of Institution**

***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.

Agnus Dei

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Distribution Anthem	<i>He Is God</i> <i>(based on Psalms 95 and 96)</i>	Tobias Hedlund
Distribution Music	<i>Beach Spring</i>	Trad. American, arr. The OK Factor

Communion Blessing

Sending

***Benediction**

*Sending Hymn	<i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i>	ELW 543
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***Sending**
 Go in peace, serve the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sending Music	<i>Røras</i>	Trad. Norwegian, arr. Jaerv
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching:	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Liturgists:	Pastors Maria Pederson, Adam White
Organist:	Gregory Peterson
Cantor:	Winifred Feyder
Choir:	Normandale, Gregory Peterson, Director
Instrumental:	OK Factor & JAERV
Communion Set Up:	Sarah Howard, Pam Werley
Greeters:	Chris & Carmen Eide, Mel Henry
Sacristan:	Cindy Nelson
Ushers:	Laaksonen Team
Affirmation of Baptism Liturgist:	Jacob Boettcher Belz

In preparing to affirm their faith, the confirmands also affirmed their commitment and readiness to be engaged in the life of the church as they continue on the path of spiritual growth. They took an active part in the planning of today’s service and are participating in various roles during worship.

Confirmands:
 Asher Anderson, Max Connelly, Winifred Feyder,
 Nels Gunderson, Eliise Hietala, Lucas Kleijnan,
 Ayla Kluis, Annileigh Nelson, Wyatt Pence,
 Cora Piepho, Alison Schmidt, Vivian Schott,
 Leah Voigts, Chuck Wold



Stay in the loop @ NLC

All Saints Remembrance Bonfire Saturday, November 1 6:00-7:00pm | Trinity Commons

Come share stories and memories as we celebrate the lives of loved ones past. Following the bonfire, the National Lutheran choir will host their annual All Saints Concert in the Sanctuary.



All Saints Worship Sunday, November 2 9:30am

Come celebrate the communion of saints - the love of God that knits us together in life and death, across the thin veil between

We'll remember those from our congregation who have died in the past year and we will celebrate those who have been baptized this past year, signs of God's new life, and signs of God's promise of eternal life.





Lead Me Home:
A Concert of Remembrance
In collaboration with Minnesota dance artist **Eve Schulte**
November 1, 7:00 PM
Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina MN

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Celebrating the life of **Harlan Nelson**

September 8, 1932 - October 14, 2025,

Upcoming 75th Anniversary Events



Hymn Festival
Sunday, November 9
7:00pm
Normandale Sanctuary

Join us as Dr. Gregory Peterson, organist, and the Normandale Choir lead a celebratory evening of music - featuring some of our congregation's favorite hymns. Reception to follow.

75th Anniversary Celebration Event
November 16
5:00 - 8:00pm
The Westin at Edina

\$40 per
person
(21+ only)



Join us as we celebrate 75 years and the future of our church!

Evening includes: appetizer buffet, cash bar, lavish desserts, Anniversary choir directed by Gregory Peterson, and remarks from Lead Pastor Adam White.

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser Empty Bowls Twin Cities Sunday, November 2 | 10:30am-2:30pm Fellowship Hall

Handmade bowls, restaurant donated soup and bread...come share a meal and make a difference one bowl at a time!
Suggested Donation: \$25

Want to support Crosstown Meals on Wheels by **volunteering** during the Empty Bowls event? GREAT! Sign up for a volunteer slot and help make this event a success!



Trunk - or - Treat



This Wednesday!

October 29 | 5:30-7:00pm

Join in on the fun by decorating the trunk of your car and handing out treats. Start brainstorming **trunk ideas** now! Costumes encouraged for all and **FREE** hot dogs & chips for dinner!

The CYF Team is asking for **treat donations** (nut-free & individually wrapped, please!).

Questions? Email cyf@normluth.org

This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church October 27-November 2, 2025

Monday, October 27

No Events Planned.

Tuesday, October 28

9:00am - 9:20am
9:30am - 11:30am
12:30pm - 2:00pm
4:00pm - 8:00pm
6:30pm - 7:30pm
7:00pm - 8:00pm
7:00pm - 10:00pm

Prayers for Peace
Matter of Balance
Virtual Caregiver Support Group
REACH Youth Juggling Club
Alcoholics Anonymous
NLC Council Meeting
National Lutheran Choir Rehearsal

Chapel
Virtual
Virtual
Gym
Room 207
Studio A
Balcony

Wednesday, October 29

9:30am - 11:00am
12:00pm - 1:00pm
5:30pm - 7:00pm
5:30pm - 7:30pm
6:30pm - 8:00pm
7:30pm - 8:30pm
7:30pm - 9:00pm
8:30pm - 9:30pm

Wednesday Women's Bible Study
Al-Anon
Trunk-or-Treat (FREE hotdogs & chips)
Adult Spanish Class
Normandale Choir Rehearsal
Life Out Loud: High School
AA Meeting
ABLAZE

Fireside Room
Multi Purpose N.
Parking lot
Studio B
Rehearsal Room
Fishbowl
Studio A
Fishbowl

Thursday, October 30

9:00am - 10:00am
9:30am - 11:00am
3:15pm - 4:30pm
4:00pm - 6:00pm
5:45pm - 6:45pm

Pilates with Jen
Matter of Balance
Racial Justice & Equity Book Club
REACH Youth Juggling Club
Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Studio B
Virtual
Zoom (Virtual)
Gym
Multi-Purpose Room N.

Friday, October 31

No Events Planned.

Saturday, November 1

6:00pm - 7:00pm
7:00pm - 9:00pm

All Saints Remembrance Bonfire
National Lutheran Choir
"Lead Me Home" concert

Trinity Commons
Sanctuary

Sunday, November 2

9:30am - 10:30am
10:30am - 12:00pm
10:30am - 3:00pm

10:40- 11:30am
11:30am - 1:00pm

Worship
Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
Empty Bowls supporting
Crosstown Meals on Wheels
Sunday School
Virtual Coffee Hour

Sanctuary
Fireside Room
Fellowship Hall

Rooms 100, 205, 213
Zoom (Virtual)