



# Seeing HOPE

**NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Candlelight Worship**  
**December 24, 2025 | 3:30 pm**

# 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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HERE?**



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# Gathering

Gathering Music

*Carols of Christmas*

Call to Worship

*Witness of Christmas*

Killian & Scott

Christmas Greeting

\*Processional Carol

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* (stanzas 1-3)

ELW 283



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:

*Refrain*



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

\*Responsive Reading

The light shines in the darkness,  
**And the darkness has not overcome it.**

The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
**And we have beheld Christ's glory.**

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.  
**In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

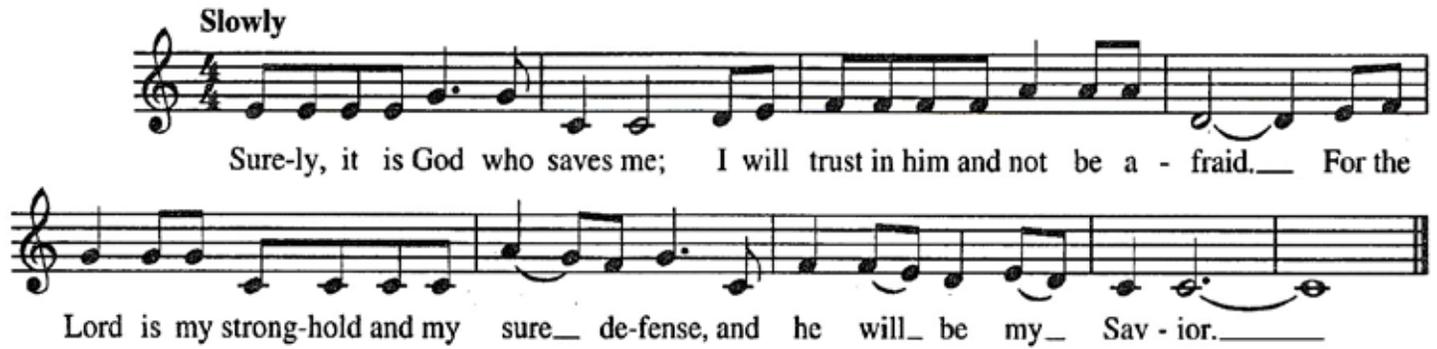
## Anthem

*The First Song of Isaiah* (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Jack Noble White

Choir only on the first refrain. Congregation invited to sing for all following refrains.

Slowly



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the  
Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

## Word

### First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7 (NASB)

The people who walk in darkness  
Will see a great light;  
Those who live in a dark land,  
The light will shine on them.  
You will multiply the nation,  
you will increase their joy;  
They will rejoice in your presence  
As with the joy of harvest,  
As people rejoice when they divide the spoils.

For you will break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders,  
The rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian.

For every boot of the marching warrior in the roar of battle,  
And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on his shoulders;  
And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

There will be no end to the increase of his government or of peace  
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
From then on and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of armies will accomplish this.

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

### Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

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*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;  
go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.

**\*Gospel**

Luke 2:1-20

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

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

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*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;  
 go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!  
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;  
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

**Children's Message**

Pastor Adam White

**Sermon**

Pastor Adam White

**\*Carol**

*Joy to the World*

ELW 267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the  
 ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -  
 room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

# Offering and Prayers

Music at the Offering

*How Glad I Am*

B. Wayne Bisbee

## \*Noisy Offering | Offertory Response

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
(stanzas 1 and 3)

ELW 289

*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.*



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing:



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



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## \*Christmas Prayer

Congregational response following each petition:

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## \*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

## \*Passing of the Light

Ushers will light the candle of each worshipper nearest the aisle. When lighting your candle from your neighbor, **please tip your unlit candle into their flame.**

## \*Carol

*Silent Night, Holy Night!*

ELW 281

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,  
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,  
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your  
peace, born! sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

## \*Blessing and Sending

Go in peace. Christ is born!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Sending Music

*Joy to the World*

J. Wayne Kerr

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preaching:** Pastor Adam White  
**Liturgists:** Pastors Rebecca Gamble, Maria Pederson  
**Organist:** Lorna Wolthoff  
**Choirs:** Cherub Choir, Children's Choir,  
Lily Ahrendt, Director  
**Accompanist:** Angela Anderson  
**Choir Soloists:** Stella Allen, Maisie Neuger,  
Maddie Presthus, Ellie Steuerwald  
**Hand Bells:** Harriet Dodington, Wren Nordin,  
Charlotte Ouska

**Acolytes:** James Nordin, Marlow McLain  
**Crucifer:** A Lundquist  
**Lectors:** Charlotte & Sophie Ouska  
**Greeters:** David Myhre, Dee & Gordy Sprenger  
**Sacristan:** Cindy Nelson  
**Ushers:** Fred & Kristi Shepherd, Alex Feyder,  
Mark & Grady Schiefelbein, Henry Salmon

# 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

**Sunday School - Resumes January 11**  
10:40-11:30am | Ages 3 -3rd Grade

**First Floor:**  
Preschool - Room 100

**2nd Floor:**  
Grades K & 1 - Room 212  
Grades 2 & 3 - Room 205

Not Registered? No problem!  
Contact Lily @ laskegaard@normluth.org

## Worship:

**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 worship services are available as a way to participate in the regular worship life of our congregation. Visit [normluth.org/livestream](http://normluth.org/livestream) to watch from wherever you are.

## 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.

**Online:**  
[normluth.org/give](http://normluth.org/give)

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select "Normandale Lutheran"  
(55436)



Ways To Give



# Stay in the loop @ NLC

## Community

### COMMUNITY MEALS

Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:30PM  
in Fellowship Hall

Chef-created, healthy and delicious meals that focus on community! All are invited to build new and strengthen existing relationships over a rotating menu. Every week features a main dish, sides, salad, fresh fruit, and dessert. No Need to RSVP.

#### Pricing:

- \$10 - Ages 16+
- \$6 - Ages 3-15
- FREE - Ages 2 and under

\*We are cashless; credit cards accepted at the door.

See what's on the menu!




### 2026 Young Adult Pilgrimage to Leipzig

August 9 -25, 2026

Ten young adults, ages 18-26, from the Minneapolis Area Synod will be selected to attend.

Scan the QR code to apply by Dec. 31



## Church Game Day!

All ages welcome!  
Bring your favorite board game to share with others. Snacks provided!

Sunday, January 25  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Fireside Room




### Information & New Member Session

Connect • Learn • Lunch

#### All About Normandale!

Sunday, January 18  
Fellowship Hall  
Following 9:30am Worship

Learn more about the community and mission of Normandale Lutheran Church. This event is geared for those thinking about joining the congregation. Child-care and a light lunch are provided.

New members will be received during worship on Sunday, January 25. Contact Kristi Shepherd for more information at [kshepherd@normluth.org](mailto:kshepherd@normluth.org).



## stephen MINISTRY.

A One-to-One Caring Ministry of Confidential Support

Contact Pastor Maria to learn more!



# Prayers for Peace

All are Welcome!

Come weekly for a simple morning service of prayer and reflection.

Tuesdays in the Chapel | 9:00-9:20am  
Resumes January 6.



# Christmas Day Digital Worship

Thursday, December 25, 2025

On Christmas day we invite you to worship online with a special Christmas Day service created specifically for the digital space. We hope and pray that this online worship experience will reach you wherever you may be, shining a light as you See HOPE this Christmas.



Access the Christmas Day Digital Worship at [normluth.org](http://normluth.org) or by scanning the QR code:

## Adults

### NORMANDALE CENTER FOR

## Healing & Wholeness



**Blessed Christmas greetings from The Normandale Center for Healing & Wholeness!**

As an integrated auxiliary of Normandale Lutheran Church, we are here for you - and the entire community - serving seniors, caregivers, and their families to promote healthy aging by providing:

**Caregiver support groups**

1:1 or Family social work **care consultations**

Evidence-based **workshops** on **wellness** and **self-care**

**Caregiver Education**

Join us for Second Saturday in 2026. See speakers and topics and find out more at <https://www.normandalecenter.org/secondsaturday>.



**Returns January 9**  
**Pastor Led Bible Study**  
**Fridays in January**  
**7:00-8:00am**  
**Fireside Room**

Join Pastor Adam for an engaging study of the Book of Revelation; explore this powerful

and hope-filled text through video, group discussion and Pastor Adam's commentary. Come be filled with community, the Word, coffee, fresh fruit and pastries!  
**Remaining dates in this series Jan. 9, 16, 23.**



**Returns January 7**  
**Weekly on Wednesdays**  
**9:30-11:30am**  
**Fireside Room or**  
**Livestreamed on**  
**YouTube**

All women are welcome to a thought-provoking Bible study on the Book

of Revelation. Each week begins with a large group presentation, followed by small group discussions. No previous involvement or experience in Bible study is necessary!



**Wednesday, January 14**  
**11:00am - 1:00pm**  
**Fireside Room**

**January's Topic:**  
**Not a Trivial Pursuit: A Brief**  
**History of Board Games**

Step into the fascinating world of board games with Normandale's Lead Pastor Adam White. Discover how tabletop play continues to foster community, spark strategy, and bring people together in an age dominated by screens.

All are welcome. A suggested donation of \$10 includes lunch.



**Women's Winter Weekend Gathering:**

*Return and Reflect*

A weekend of connection

**Friday, January 23 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Wine, cheese, and artwork by local artist Jessie DeCorsey

**Saturday, January 24 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Brunch, fellowship, and activities

Fireside Room | email [khein@normluth.org](mailto:khein@normluth.org) for more info.

# Children & Youth Year-Round Faith Formation

AFLAME SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CHERUB & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS  
FAITH MARKERS

SPARK GRADES 4 & 5  
IGNITE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ABLAZE HIGH SCHOOL

**Programming resumes January 7, 2026**

Questions? Email [cyf@normluth.org](mailto:cyf@normluth.org)



Register Today!



## Normandale Preschool Blessing Place

A place for all children to feel safe, loved, and accepted  
Inspiring children 16 months to 5 years

Register for 2026-2027 school year!

Early registration for Normandale Lutheran  
Church members opens **January 5, 2026.**

For more information visit our website  
[www.normandalepreschool.com](http://www.normandalepreschool.com)

Questions? Contact our director, Kari Warnke at

[Kari@normluth.org](mailto:Kari@normluth.org)  
952-977-9371



Scan to Register starting Jan. 5

For more information  
and to view a full  
calendar of events,  
visit [normluth.org](http://normluth.org).



# 2026 SUMMER ADVENTURE

Registration now open for ages 3-18

- Summer Stretch After Dark: June 9-11**  
Current 6th Graders to 8th Graders
- Vacation Bible School: June 15-18**  
Current 3-year olds to 4th Graders
- Vacation Bible School After Care: June 15-18**  
Current 3-year olds to 4th Graders
- Colorado Urban Trek: June 21-26**  
Current 8th Graders to 12th Graders
- Summer Stretch: July 7-9**  
Current 3rd Graders to 5th Graders
- Camp Vermilion: August 2-7**  
Current 3rd Graders to 8th Graders
- Guatemala 2026: July 11-21**  
Current 8th Graders to 12th Graders

## Normandale Staff:

**Adam White:**

Lead Pastor

**Rebecca Gamble:**

Associate Pastor

**Maria Pederson:**

Interim Associate Pastor

**Angela Anderson:**

Children's Choir

Accompanist/Asst Director

**Brent Malcom:**

Operations & Finance Director

**Gregory Peterson:**

Worship & Music Director

**Jacob Boettcher Belz:**

Youth Ministry Director

**Jessica Dodington:**

Communications Director

**Katie Hein:**

Small Group Ministry Director

**Kim Pinkham:**

Hospitality Coordinator

**Kim Sannerud:**

Worship Coordinator

**Kristi Shepherd:**

Director, Congregational

Engagement

**Lily Ahrendt:**

Director, Children's Ministry  
& Music

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Assistant Organist &  
Handbell Director

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**Sandy Olson:**

Payroll Administrator