



Seeing HOPE

NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Candlelight Worship &
Holy Communion**

December 24, 2025 | 9:00 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.



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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Use the QR Code
to fill out our online
connect card.

Congregational responses in **bold**

* Please stand as you are comfortable

Gathering

Gathering Music

Christmas Carols: Selections from the
Christmas Concerto Op. 6, No. 8

Arcangelo Corelli

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

Call to Worship

Hodie Christus Natus Est
(Today Christ is Born)

Michael Bedford

Christmas Greeting

*Processional Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

*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.**

*Carol

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

ELW 289

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders;
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Carol

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
(stanzas 1 –2)

ELW 282

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel ProcessionGood Christian Friends, Rejoice* (stanzas 1-2)

ELW 288

***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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.***Gospel Recession***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (stanza 3)

ELW 288

Sermon

Pastor Adam White

CarolJoy to the World*

ELW 267

Christmas Prayer

Congregational response following each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Communion

***Prayer**

Holy God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who arrived among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. Bless the gifts we offer tonight and let them be a blessing for others. With all earth and heaven, we rejoice at the arrival of your Son, who comes to us now, in this holy meal. Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

ELW page 152

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**

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW page 153

***Words of Institution**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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 *Lamb of God* ELW page 154

Distribution Anthem *In the Bleak Midwinter* Harold Darke

Distribution Carols *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ELW 279
Away in a Manger ELW 277

*Communion Blessing

*Post-Communion Prayer

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

*Blessing and Sending

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

Sending Music *Toccata on Il est né, le divin Enfant* Denis Bédard
(He Is Born the Divine Christ Child)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching: Pastor Adam White
Liturgists: Pastors Rebecca Gamble, Maria Pederson
Organist: Gregory Peterson
Choir: Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, director
Accompanist: Lorna Wolthoff
Instrumental: Normandale Strings, Suzanne Klein, director
Communion Crew: Jim Niemeier, Bert Ledder
Communion Servers: Lee Newcomer, Susan Sackrison, Charlie Ledder
Crucifer: Molly Nunn
Lector: Karen Eisenbarth
Greeters: Mel Henry
Sacristan: Kim Sannerud
Ushers: Dave Elenkiwich, Rolf Pederson, Eric Johnson, William Nichols, Ben Leadholm

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 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

Text:
gift amount to: 952.260.5601

Download the App:
ShelbyNEXT|Giving
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




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 in membership. Childcare 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.



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 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**

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 for more info.

Children, Youth & Family (CYF)

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



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

Questions? Contact our director, Kari Warnke at

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.**



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

María 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

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Lily Askegaard:

Director, Children's Ministry
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Handbell Director

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