



# Seeing LIGHT

**Normandale Lutheran Church**

**Baptism of Our Lord  
January 11, 2026 | 9:30 am**

# 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



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?**



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

## Connect with us today



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Normandale Lutheran Church  
Normandale Lutheran Youth

[normluth.org](http://normluth.org)

# 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

**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](mailto:laskegaard@normluth.org)

## Worship With Us

**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.

*Ways To Give*

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

**Text:**  
gift amount to: 952.260.5601

**Download the App:**  
ShelbyNEXT|Giving  
select "Normandale Lutheran"  
(55436)



Congregational responses in **bold**

\* Please stand as you are comfortable

## Gathering

### Gathering Music

*Baptized in Water*

arr. Charles Callahan and Paul Manz

### Words of Welcome

### Call to Worship

*Take Me to the Water*

Horace Clarence Boyer

### \*Remembrance of Baptism

We give you thanks and praise, Creating God, for at the dawn of creation you spoke your Word over the swirling waters, speaking the world into being—calling forth all life in which you delight.

**You formed humankind from the clay of the earth, and breathed into us the same life-giving Word through which all creation came to be.**

In the waters of the great flood, the fierce power of your creation was made known, and in the deliverance of Noah and his family, you revealed your steadfast promise of life beyond death.

**Through the waters of the sea, you liberated your people Israel from slavery, leading them into the promise of new life.**

As Israel wandered in the desert, you quenched the thirst of your people by bringing forth water from a rock.

**On the muddy banks of the Jordan, Jesus entered the water and was baptized by John, and the Spirit came upon him, marking the beginning of his ministry.**

Through the sacred and mysterious waters of baptism, we were joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus, drowned to all that might separate us from God's love and raised to new life with you, now and forever.

**With water, you create and renew, reveal your love, set captives free, and satisfy the deepest thirst, drawing us into the baptism of Jesus.**

Through these waters, immerse us ever deeper in the life you freely give through baptism.

**Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may fully receive the gifts of this holy mystery, and bear them with joy to the world.**

To you be honor and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

### \*Gathering Hymn

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

ELW 311

### \*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.**

### \*Kyrie

ELW Page 147

## Prayer of the Day

**O God our Divine Parent, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your children, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

**O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.**

## **\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*

ELW Page 151

## **\*Gospel**

Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Pastor Maria Pederson

## **\*Hymn of the Day**

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

ELW 304

# Prayers and Offering

## **\*Prayers of the People**

Congregational response following each petition:

Merciful God,  
**receive 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.**

## **\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ is with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Thanks for Generosity**

Community Emergency Service (CES)  
Jamie Dolyunchuk, President

## Music at the Offering

*Borning Cry*

Daniel Kallman

### \*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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### \*Offering Prayer

God of light, no eye has seen, no ear has heard the wonders you prepare for those who love you. You reveal the vividness of your mercy. Receive these gifts we bring, signs of lives uncovered and hearts renewed. Use all that we offer to shine light into places still in shadow, to unmask injustice, and to open us more fully to your reign. Amen.

## Sending

### \*Blessing

### \*Sending Hymn

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

ELW 551

### \*Sending

Go into the world, seeing light.  
Thanks be to God!

### Sending Music

*A Joyful Tune*

Jacob B. Weber

# Worship Leaders

<b>Preaching:</b>	Pastor Maria Pederson
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Pastor Adam White
<b>Organist:</b>	Lorna Wolthoff
<b>Choir:</b>	Normandale Choir, Brad Beale, guest director
<b>Instrumental:</b>	Diane Larson, flute
<b>Cantor:</b>	Brad Beale
<b>Greeters:</b>	Scott & Kelly Olson
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Marlow McLain
<b>Lector:</b>	Hannelore Bruckner
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Edel Henningsen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Chin Team



## Conversations in Community: Seeing LIGHT

### **TODAY! In the Fellowship Hall following worship.**

Join the Racial Justice & Equity team following Sunday worship in the Fellowship Hall for conversations to discuss your concerns/fears, strains, and where you're actively seeing and seeking to bear light. Led by Pastor Adam, we'll ask: What has changed in our communities, in our society? What are you concerned about? What are you experiencing? Where do you see hope or light? Is there a way you are or can be a part of that hope and light?

Through conversation, listening and prayer, let's walk in the light together!



# 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!



### 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. 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](mailto:kshepherd@normluth.org).

## 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



# Adults



## *Celebrating the life of* **Dave Dahlgren**

Service **January 16** at 1:00 p.m.  
Visitation at 12:00 p.m.  
Reception following Service

## *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



## Women's Winter Weekend Gathering:

### *Return and Reflect*

A weekend of connection

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

**Investment: \$25**

Wine, cheese, and artwork by local artist Jessie DeCorsey

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

**Investment: \$25**

Brunch, fellowship, and activities

**Attend both sessions for \$40**

**Register Today!**



**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. 16, 23.**



**Every Wednesday**  
**9:30-11:30am**  
**Fireside Room**  
**Livestreamed on YouTube**

All women are welcome to participate in this thought provoking 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!



**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.

**The New Normandale House**  
**January 25, 2026 | post-worship**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**



For more than 25 years, we have been walking with families experiencing housing instability. Located in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis, Normandale House creates affordable safe space and personal relationships for encouragement on the journey toward a more stable future.

**Come learn with us: new house, new services, and what the new model means for those we serve.**

# Children, Youth & Family (CYF)



## 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 is **now open.**

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**

# 2026

## SUMMER ADVENTURE

**REGISTER  
NOW!**

**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

**Guatemala 2026: July 11-21**  
Current 8th Graders to 12th Graders

**Camp Vermilion: August 2-7**  
Current 3rd Graders to 8th Graders



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# This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church

## January 12 - 17, 2026

### Monday, January 12

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Heritage Committee

3rd Floor

### Tuesday, January 13

9:00am - 9:20am

4:00pm - 8:00pm

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Prayers for Peace

REACH Youth Juggling Club

Alcoholics Anonymous

Chapel

Gym

Room 207

### Wednesday, January 14

9:30am - 11:30am

11:30am - 1:30pm

12:00pm - 1:00pm

5:00pm - 6:30pm

5:00pm - 5:45pm

5:30pm - 7:30pm

5:45pm - 6:30pm

6:30pm - 8:00pm

6:30pm - 7:30pm

6:30pm - 7:30pm

7:30pm - 9:00pm

7:30pm - 8:30pm

8:30pm - 9:30pm

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Second Wednesday

Al-Anon

Community Meals

Cherub Choir

Spanish Class

Children's Choir

Normandale Choir Rehearsal

SPARK

IGNITE

Wooddale Ave AA Meeting

Life Out Loud

ABLAZE

Fireside Room

Fireside Room

Multi Purpose North

Fellowship Hall

Multi Purpose South

Studio B

Multi Purpose South

Rehearsal Room

Multi Purpose South

Fireside Room

Studio A

Fish Bowl

Fish Bowl

### Thursday, January 15

3:15pm - 4:30pm

4:00pm - 6:00pm

5:45pm - 6:45pm

RJET Book Club

REACH Youth Juggling Club

Handbell Choir

Virtual; on Zoom

Gym

Multi Purpose North

### Friday, January 16

7:00am - 8:00am

12:00pm - 3:30pm

Revelation Bible Study

Dave Dahlgren Visitation and Funeral

Fireside Room

Sanctuary

### Saturday, January 17

### Sunday, January 18

9:30am - 10:30am

10:40am - 12:00pm

11:30am - 1:00pm

Worship

Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship

Virtual Coffee Hour

Sanctuary

Fireside Room

Zoom (Virtual)

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

