



**UNBOUND**  
Longing for Wholeness

**Normandale Lutheran Church**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 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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# 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

**A FLAME** 

**Ages 3 -3rd Grade 10:40-11:30am**

**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.

**Large Print** copies of bulletins, hymns and ELW liturgical settings are available. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

**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.

**Sensory Headphones** are hanging outside the main sanctuary doors.

Congregational responses in **bold**

\* Please stand as you are comfortable

## Gathering

### Gathering Music

*What Wondrous Love is This*  
*Give Me Jesus*

arr. Anna Laura Page  
arr. John Behnke

### Words of Welcome

### Call to Worship

*What Wondrous Love is This*

arr. John Behnke

### \*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.**

### \*Processional Hymn

*Restore in Us, O God*

ELW 328

### Promises of Baptism

**Nathaniel Reid Jones**

son of Payton & Alexandra Jones

In mercy and love, God gives new birth to all into a living hope through the promises of baptism. Recognizing our human need, we celebrate God's dependable goodness, infinite new starts, and continued claim on our lives. Today, we especially celebrate that God claims Nathaniel as God's own, takes delight in him, and surrounds him with love.

Payton and Alex, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Nathaniel baptized into Christ? We do.

As you bring Nathaniel to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, to bring him to Jesus' sacred meal, to place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, nurturing him in faith and grounding him in prayer, so that he will learn to trust God, proclaim Christ, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help him grow in his Christian faith and life? We do.

Brenda, do you promise to nurture Nathaniel in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the promise of baptism and to live among God's faithful people? I do.

Dear People of God, do you promise to surround Nathaniel with love and grace, and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **Congregation responds: We do.**

### \*Profession of Faith

Do you reject the falsehoods which deny God's love and promise?  
**I renounce them.**

Do you reject the powers of this world that openly rebel against God's purposes?  
**I renounce them.**

Do you reject the enticing ways of sin that pull us away from God's hopes for us?  
**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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.**

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.**

## **Baptism and Placement of Baptismal Stole**

### **Prayer**

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you claim your children as your own. Sustain Nathaniel with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the awe of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Anointment with Oil and Presentation of Baptismal Candle**

### **Welcome**

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: giving thanks, praising God, and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**God of the living and of the dead, we know that you always hear us: in our grief, our reproach, and our longing. Teach us to speak plainly to one another and to you. Free us from the fears that tell us to hide ourselves away, blocking out light and life. Unbind us to walk whole-heartedly with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **Reading**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O LORD God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

## Psalm 130

Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

**O LORD, | hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.**

If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

**Yet with you | is forgiveness,**

**in order that you | may be feared.**

I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

**For the LORD shall | redeem Israel**

**from | all their sins.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

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Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

## \*Gospel

John 11:1-45

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the LORD with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "LORD, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "LORD, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Longing for Authenticity

Pastor Adam White

**Hymn of the Day**

*What Wondrous Love is This*

ELW 666

## Prayers and Offering

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

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.**

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

**Music at the Offering**

*Out of the Depths*

John Ferguson

## \*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.**

*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.*

## \*Offering Prayer

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Sending

### \*Blessing

### \*Sending Hymn

*You Are the Way*

ELW 758

### \*Sending

Go in peace forgiven, whole and free. **Thanks be to God.**

### Sending Music

*Concerto in d*

Giuseppi Torelli

## Worship Leaders

<b>Preaching:</b>	Pastor Adam White
<b>Liturgists:</b>	Pastors Rebecca Gamble, Maria Pederson
<b>Organist:</b>	Lorna Wolthoff
<b>Cantor:</b>	Amy James
<b>Choirs:</b>	Normandale Choir, Logan Combs, guest director
<b>Accompanist:</b>	Lorna Wolthoff
<b>Instrumental:</b>	Normandale Bells, Lorna Wolthoff, director
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Sully Engelstad
<b>Baptism Deacon:</b>	Kim Pinkham
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Gene Diaz
<b>Greeters:</b>	Dave Myhre, Jack & Marilyn Kemme
<b>Lector:</b>	Carmen Eide
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Cindy Nelson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Elenkiwich & Noble teams



**SATURDAY, APRIL 4 | 10 AM**

Join us for this family event  
All are welcome!

#### **Schedule:**

10 am | Crafts, cookies, community  
10:30 am | Children's message  
11 am | Egg Hunt

Bring a basket or bag to collect eggs.



# Stay in the loop @ NLC

## Community



We're collecting non-perishable food items & financial donations to ensure all our neighbors can eat.

Donations go further with our Hunger Partners: CES & VEAP food shelves, Every Meal, and Meals on Wheels. You can DOUBLE your impact this March: gifts up to \$10,000 will be matched by a generous donor!

To donate, simply designate your gift to the "Hunger" fund when you give online, by check, or with cash to Normandale Lutheran Church.



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WEDNESDAYS FROM 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.

### Normandale Table

Chef-created, healthy and delicious meals.  
FAST, EASY, and focused on community.  
Served in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**No RSVP required!**

Come hungry.  
Leave connected.

Check out the Menu:

## You're Invited!

### All-Ages Food-Packing Service Project

Following Maundy Thursday Worship, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall to sort & pack food donations.

**Thursday, April 2**  
**7:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

## 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

*Celebrating the life of*

### Marilyn Ingman

Died on March 10, 2026

Memorial Service on April 17, 2026 at 10AM  
Presbyterian Homes of  
Bloomington Chapel

## Adults

### Voices in Bloom

A Spring Luncheon & Community Sing-Along

with Giving Voice Edina Chorus  
and speaker, Kayla Shafer, MA, MT-BC



**Saturday, April 11 | 11:30am - 1:00pm**  
**Fireside Room**

Join us for a lovely spring lunch featuring speaker, Kayla Shafer, MA, MT-BC, who will present *Melodies of the Mind*, discussing music's impact on the brain, including take-aways for using music with the purpose of better health and wellbeing. A joyful sing-along led by Giving Voice will conclude this dementia friendly event!

**Register now:** [normandalecenter.org](http://normandalecenter.org) events  
[info@normandalecenter.org](mailto:info@normandalecenter.org)  
952.977.9357.

Wednesday  
**Women's**  
BIBLE STUDY

**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 experience in Bible study is necessary!

No Bible Study on April 1st



Wednesday  
**Women's**  
BIBLE STUDY

with Special Guest  
Dr. Barbara Rossing

**Revelation and Creation:**  
**The Flourishing and**  
**Renewal of the World**

**Wednesday, April 8**  
**9:30-11:30am**  
**Fireside Room**

## THANK YOU *Megan*



After seven years of serving our community, our Office Manager, Megan Pickard, has concluded her time at Normandale to pursue a new role as a preschool teacher. She has been a consistent warm & welcoming presence at the front desk, and we will miss her smiles, knowledge, and the endless ways she has supported our staff and congregation. Her final day was Thursday, March 19.

## Children, Youth & Family (CYF)

### Kid's Night Out

Friday, 4/17  
4:30-8:30pm



**Kid's Day In**  
Sunday, 5/17  
10:30am-2:30pm



Ages 3-13 • Cost \$60/child for one event, \$100/both

All profits will benefit  
Normandale Youth  
Summer Travel.

# UNBOUND

Longing for Wholeness

## LENT MID-WEEK

**Lenten Vespers: Wednesdays at 6:30pm**

February 25,  
March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25  
*short, centering mid-week worship*

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

**Palm/Passion Sunday: March 29**

**9:30am Worship Service**  
*with palm procession*

**Maundy Thursday: April 2**

**6:30pm Worship Service**  
*with Holy Communion*

**Good Friday: April 3**

**5:00pm Family Friendly  
Worship Service**  
*leaving in silence*

**6:30pm Worship Service**  
*leaving in silence*

**Saturday, April 4**

**10:00am Easter Egg Hunt**  
*all community event*

**Easter Sunday: April 5**

*Children's Message at all services*

**8:00am Darkness to Light:  
The First Service of Easter**

**9:30am Easter Worship**  
*with Cherub and Children's  
Choirs*

**11:00am Easter Worship**  
*with Holy Communion*

The church has a provider that **snowplows** all of the church's parking areas and **shovels** entry sidewalks and the columbarium for every snowfall event of 1.5" or more. They also apply **salt** for ice, as needed and upon our request. This "on call" service for timely snow clearing currently costs the church about **\$4,300 per month** for the November-to-March winter season, keeping our church property in good shape for everyone!

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS & FUN FACTS ABOUT  
CHURCH FINANCES AND HOW YOUR GIVING  
SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY.

**GENEROSITY  
CORNER**

# This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church

## March 23 - 29, 2026

### Monday, March 23

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Heritage Committee

3rd Floor

### Tuesday, March 24

9:00am - 9:20am

10:00am - 12:00pm

4:00pm - 8:00pm

6:30pm - 7:30pm

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Prayers for Peace

Giving Voice Chorus

REACH Youth Juggling Club

Alcoholics Anonymous

Church Council Meeting

Chapel

Rehearsal Room

Gym

Room 207

Studio A

### Wednesday, March 25

9:30am - 11:00am

12:00pm - 1:00pm

5:00pm - 6:30pm

5:00pm - 5:45pm

5:30pm - 7:30pm

5:45pm - 6:30pm

6:30pm - 7:00pm

7:10pm - 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

Al-Anon

Normandale Table

Cherub Choir

Spanish Class

Children's Choir

Lenten Vespers

Normandale Choir Rehearsal

SPARK

IGNITE

Wooddale Ave AA Meeting

Life Out Loud

ABLAZE

Fireside Room

Multi Purpose North

Fellowship Hall

Multi Purpose South

Studio B

Multi Purpose South

Sanctuary

Rehearsal Room

Multi Purpose South

Fireside Room

Studio A

Fish Bowl

Fish Bowl

### Thursday, March 26

1:00pm - 3:00pm

3:15pm - 4:30pm

4:00pm - 6:00pm

5:45pm - 6:45pm

Caregiver Support Group

RJET Book Club

REACH Youth Juggling Club

Handbell Choir

Virtual: on Zoom

Virtual: on Zoom

Gym

Multi Purpose North

### Friday, March 27

No Events Planned

### Saturday, March 28

No Events Planned

### Sunday, March 29

9:30am - 10:30am

10:30am - 11:30am

10:30am - 11:30am

10:40am - 11:30am

Worship

Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship

1st Communion Class for Grades 2 & 3

Sunday School

Sanctuary

Fireside Room

Chapel

Classrooms

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

