

A graphic featuring a dense pattern of stylized palm leaves in various shades of green, creating a textured, layered effect. The leaves are arranged in a way that suggests depth and movement, with some appearing to be in the foreground and others receding into the background.

# **PALM SUNDAY**

**Normandale Lutheran Church**

**March 29, 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.

## Ways To Give

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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 Music**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
Hosanna!*

Georg Kaufmann  
William Faulkes

## **Words of Welcome**

### **\*Gathering**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

### **\*Processional Gospel**

Matthew 21:1-11

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

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

Let the stones cry out.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!!  
Hosanna in the highest!!!**

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

Let us pray. **Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the humble love of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, embolden us in the joyful procession of those whose tongues confess Jesus as Lord and whose lives praise him as Savior; the one who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **\*Processional Hymn**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ELW 344

***Refrain:* All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.**

***Refrain***

**The company of angels are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.**

***Refrain***

**The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

***Refrain***

**To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

***Refrain***

**Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.**

***Refrain***

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!

## Psalm 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;  
I am as useless as a | broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.  
I have said, “You | are my God.**

My times are | in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love.”**

## Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

## Hymn of the Day

*My Song is Love Unknown*  
(stanzas 1-3)

ELW 343

## \*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

The peace of Christ is with you all.  
And also with you.

## Music at the Offering

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*

W. Glen Darst

## \*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.

## \*Acclamation

ELW Page 160



## \*The Passion of Our Lord

*excerpts from Matthew 26:14-27:66*

## Anthem

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.  
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

## Silence

*Please leave the worship space in silence, or remain to pray. As this season comes to a close, you may wish to name the longings for wholeness that linger in your heart, or to confess brokenness which still entangles and binds. In the Narthex, you are invited to write these things down and place them in the Prayer Wall as an offering.*

## Worship Leaders

<b>Preaching:</b>	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Pastor Adam White
<b>Organist:</b>	Lorna Wolthoff
<b>Cantor:</b>	Mark Johns
<b>Choir:</b>	Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, guest director
<b>Accompanist:</b>	Lorna Wolthoff
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Marlow McLain & Jacob Hegrenes
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Gene Diaz
<b>Greeters:</b>	Dave Myhre, Susie Baker
<b>Lector:</b>	Marilyn Kemme
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Emily Steuerwald
<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

**No dinner April 4th!**

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

## Job Opportunity!

We have begun the search for Normandale's next Office Manager.

Scan the QR code for more details about the job description and interview process.



## 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, see you on the 8th!**



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

Wednesday  
**Women's**  
BIBLE STUDY  
with Special Guest  
Dr. Barbara Rossing

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

**Second**  
**WEDNESDAY**

**April 8 | 11:00am-1:00pm**  
**Fireside Room**

We welcome the **Edina Fire Department** in conjunction with Normandale Preschool!

**Note: Presentation begins at 11:15.**

After the children join us for a gear demonstration, we'll continue the presentation addressing our fire safety issues & questions. All are welcome.

A suggested donation of \$10 includes lunch.

## Children, Youth & Family (CYF)

### Kid's Night Out

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

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



### Kid's Day In

Sunday, 5/17  
10:30am-2:30pm



All profits will benefit  
Normandale Youth  
Summer Travel.

# UNBOUND

Longing for Wholeness

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

### Maundy Thursday: April 2

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

**7:30pm All Ages Food Packing Event**  
*In Fellowship Hall, concluding MN Food Share Month.*

### 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*

For the Easter season, there are several unique “extras” planned to enrich our worship services. These include visual elements like palm branches, a corpus of Christ, live lambs, seasonal flowers, streamers, and celebratory attire worn by our pastors and worship participants. These **special elements for Holy Week** are provided by the church budget that we all support at a cost of approximately **\$3,300** this year. Our Staff and Environment Team work hard behind the scenes to prepare for and strive to enhance everyone’s worship experience!

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

**GENEROSITY CORNER**

# This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church

## March 30 - April 5, 2026

### Monday, March 30

No Events Planned

### Tuesday, March 31

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

Prayers for Peace  
Giving Voice Chorus  
REACH Youth Juggling Club  
Alcoholics Anonymous

Chapel  
Rehearsal Room  
Gym  
Room 207

### Wednesday, April 1

12:00pm - 1:00pm  
5:00pm - 5:45pm  
5:30pm - 7:30pm  
5:45pm - 6:30pm  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
7:10pm - 8:00pm  
7:30pm - 9:00pm

Al-Anon  
Cherub Choir  
Spanish Class  
Children's Choir  
Caregiver Support Group  
Normandale Choir Rehearsal  
Wooddale Ave AA Meeting

Multi Purpose North  
Multi Purpose South  
Studio B  
Multi Purpose South  
Virtual: on Zoom  
Rehearsal Room  
Studio A

### Thursday, April 2

3:15pm - 4:30pm  
4:00pm - 6:00pm  
6:00pm - 7:00pm  
6:30pm - 7:30pm  
7:30pm - 8:30pm

RJET Book Club  
REACH Youth Juggling Club  
Caregiver Support Group  
Maundy Thursday Worship  
Food Packing Event

Virtual: on Zoom  
Gym  
Virtual: on Zoom  
Sanctuary  
Fellowship Hall

### Friday, April 3

5:00pm - 6:00pm  
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Good Friday Family Worship  
Good Friday Worship

Sanctuary  
Sanctuary

### Saturday, April 4

10:00am - 11:30am

Easter Egg Hunt

Fireside Room

### Sunday, April 5

8:00am - 9:00am  
9:30am - 10:30am  
11:00am - 12:00pm

Easter Worship  
Easter Worship  
Easter Worship with Communion

Sanctuary  
Sanctuary  
Sanctuary

For more information  
and to view a full  
calendar of events,  
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