



life rising

Normandale Lutheran Church

**Second Sunday in Easter
April 12, 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

Online:
normluth.org/give

Text:
gift amount to: 952.260.5601

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Normandale Lutheran Church
Normandale Lutheran Youth

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HERE ?**



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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

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 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

Variations on That Easter Day with Joy was Bright
Michael Burkhardt

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! arr. John Ferguson

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379

*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.

*Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the Highest

ELW Page 148

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Children's Message

Pastor Adam White

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all others."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names up on my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who hold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the LORD al-ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

**You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand
are pleasures forevermore.**

Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

*Gospel

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Dr. Barbara Rossing

*Hymn of the Day

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

Prayers and Offering

*Prayers of Intercession

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 your Generosity

Creation Care

Katie Hein

Music at the Offering

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Maureen Howell

*Noisy Offering | Offertory Response

Doxology (tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia(2)!**
**Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia(5)!**

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*Offering Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. Nourish us with the whole life of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Sending

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

ELW 380

*Sending

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sending Music

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

arr. Edwin Childs

Worship Leaders

Preaching:	Dr. Barbara Rossing
Liturgists:	Pastors Adam White, Rebecca Gamble, Maria Pederson
Organist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Cantor:	Karen Hansen
Choir:	Normandale Choir, Logan Combs, guest director
Accompanist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Acolyte	Jacob Hegrenes
Greeter:	Susie Baker
Lector:	Jean Wikoff
Sacristan:	Edel Henningsen
Ushers:	Kleven & Sannerud teams

Today! **GUEST**
PRESENTATION
with
DR. BARBARA ROSSING

"LAMB POWER, ECOLOGY,
AND HOPE: REVELATION'S
VISION FOR OUR EARTH"

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

BE INSPIRED FOR HOW YOU CAN
PARTICIPATE IN THE RENEWAL AND
FLOURISHING OF GOD'S GOOD WORLD.



Stay in the Loop @ NLC

Community



Connect Lunch Learn

**Normandale 411: Get to Know NLC
Information Session
April 19 | 10:40am-12:30pm | Fellowship Hall**

Interested in learning more about Normandale? Wanting to be more involved? All are welcome to Normandale 411, an informational session about the life and mission of Normandale. If you're new to the community, or considering membership, we hope you'll attend! If you're looking for a new way to get involved, we hope you'll attend! Light lunch will be served, and childcare is available upon request. **New members will be received during worship on Sunday, April 26.**

Please RSVP to Kristi Shepherd - kshepherd@normluth.org.

Prayers for Peace

All are Welcome!

A simple morning service of prayer and reflection led by Pastor Adam.

Tuesdays in the Chapel | 9:00-9:20am



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:



Celebrating the life of



Marilyn Ingman

Died on March 10, 2026

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



Sweet Potato Comfort Pie®

A Catalyst for Caring and Building Community

Saturday
April 18

8:00am-
6:00pm

Don't miss RJET's next big Sweet Potato Comfort Pie® event. Help uplift families affected by the community trauma of ICE. All ages are welcome to be a part of this experience! Shifts are 3 hours or less, slots are limited. To participate, or to learn more, email Dorothy Scott: dorothynscott@yahoo.com

Adults

Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers



Powerful Tools for Caregivers

6 Tuesdays: April 21 - May 26 | 2:00-4:00 pm

Summit Place Eden Prairie
8505 Flying Cloud Drive

Join other caregivers for this 6-week course where you'll learn tips to reduce stress, improve self-confidence, manage time, better communicate feelings, and make tough decisions. Taught by certified instructors from Normandale Center for Healing & Wholeness.

Registration is \$15 and covers all 6 classes plus a copy of the Caregiver Helpbook; scholarships available.

To **register**, email or call Normandale Center for Healing & Wholeness:

info@normandalecenter.org | 952-977-9357.



Wednesday Women's BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays through
May 6 | 9:30-11:30am
Fireside Room
Livestreamed
onYouTube

All women are welcome
to participate as we study

the book of Revelation. Each week begins with a large group presentation, followed by small group discussions. We will resume in September to begin our study of **Genesis**.

BOOK, BAGEL & BREW

Saturday, April 18

10am - Noon | Studio A

Book: "The Fury"

by Alex Michaelides



EMAIL KATIE NIESSEN WITH QUESTIONS:
KATIEJNANA@GMAIL.COM

— Second — WEDNESDAY

May 13
11:00am-1:00pm
Fireside Room

Moose is Loose

From the big-eyed white-tailed deer in our Minnesota yards, to the caribou of Alaska's tundra, to the big-limbed moose of the north woods, traveling **naturalist Melonie Shipman** has been engaged with the deer family for decades. We'll explore their special adaptations and lifestyles as vegetarians who must manage long, snowy winters and multiple predators just to survive another day. You'll look with new eyes at animals you may have seen many times in your life. Now you'll know the rest of the story!

All are welcome!

A suggested donation of \$10 includes lunch.

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.

Creation Care Team



The Creation Care group at Normandale shares in the ELCA mission to be better stewards and co-creators of the Earth by identifying opportunities for our congregation to support, participate in, increase efficiencies and sustainability as we pursue wholeness for creation. In the last several months, the group applied for and received a generous grant from Hennepin County that supplied our church with organic and recycling bins, labels, training, etc. to help Normandale better manage our waste practices and reduce unnecessary costs of waste contamination. In addition to eliminating fees, the church has an opportunity to increase the amount we recycle and compost.

Opportunities to Get Involved:

Creation Care EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

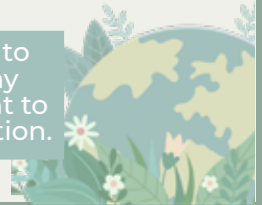
Celebrate upcoming Earth Day with the Normandale Creation Care Team as we plant seeds (literally and figuratively) & learn how to care for God's creation in practical ways!

April 19, 2026
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
in the Chapel

Earth Day Vespers

Wednesday, April 22
6:30-7:00pm | Chapel

An evening service to celebrate Earth Day and our commitment to caring for God's creation.



To get involved or learn more about Normandale's Creation Care Team contact Katie Hein at khein@normluth.org

Did you know that **Normandale Preschool and Blessing Place** hosts and teaches **90 children** here on weekdays? Our Preschool has been here for over 50 years, serving young families in the area while providing an introduction and welcome to the Normandale Lutheran Church congregation. Financially, Preschool **generates over \$550,000 annually** of tuition and fee income to cover its operating cost for staffing and materials while also contributing funding toward overall church building and ministry costs. Thank you to our Preschool teachers and families!

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

**GENEROSITY
CORNER**

This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church

April 13 - 19, 2026

Monday, April 13

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Heritage Committee Meeting

3rd Floor

Tuesday, April 14

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 15

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 - 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
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
Rehearsal Room
Multi Purpose South
Fireside Room
Studio A
Fish Bowl
Fish Bowl

Thursday, April 16

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, April 17

4:30pm - 8:30pm

Kids Night Out

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 18

8:00am - 6:00pm
10:00am - 12:00pm

Sweet Potato Comfort Pie
Book, Bagel, and Brew

Fellowship Hall
Studio A

Sunday, April 19

9:30am - 10:30am
10:40am - 11:30am
10:40am - 11:30am
10:30am - 11:30am
10:30am - 12:30pm

Worship
Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
Sunday School
Creation Care: Earth Day Celebration
Normandale 411: Information Session

Sanctuary
Fireside Room
Classrooms
Chapel
Fellowship Hall

For more information
and to view a full
calendar of events,
visit normluth.org.

