



life rising

Normandale Lutheran Church

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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



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.

Ways to Give

Online:
normluth.org/give

Text:
gift amount to: 952.260.5601

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(55436)



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Normandale Lutheran Church
Normandale Lutheran Youth

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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  **Sunday School
Ministry**

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

*When Morning Gilds the Skies
Come, Let Us Eat*

arr. John Behnke
arr. Cathy Moglebust

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

The Day of Resurrection

arr. Michael Helman

*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

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW 377

*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

This is the Feast

ELW Page 149

*Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”

How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God’s people.

Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.

O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God’s people,

in the courts of | the LORD’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

*Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. They urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Adam White

*Hymn of the Day

Touch That Soothes and Heals

ACS 939

Prayers and Offering

*Prayers of Intercession

Congregational response following each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

***Sharing of the Peace**

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

Music at the Offering

Stay With Us

Egil Hovland

***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)!**

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**

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Holy Communion

***Great Thanksgiving**

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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**

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***Words of Institution**

***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.

Lamb of God

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Distribution Hymns

We Come to the Hungry Feast
Eat This Bread

ELW 479
ELW 472

*Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

Sending

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

ELW 548

*Sending

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

Sending Music

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

arr. Anne Roberts

Worship Leaders:

Preaching:	Pastor Adam White
Liturgists:	Pastors Rebecca Gamble, Maria Pederson
Organist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Choir:	Normandale Choir, Logan Combs, guest director
Accompanist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Instrumental:	Normandale Bells, Lorna Wolthoff, director
Acolytes:	Ayla Kluis, Marlow McLain
Lector:	Josh Howard
Communion Crew:	Jon Kuehl, Linda Van Guilder, Susie Baker
Communion Deacons:	Matt Klein, Pat Lindstrand, Bert & Charlie Ledder
Greeters:	Dave Myhre, Mel Henry
Sacristan:	Cindy Nelson
Ushers:	Kleven & Sannerud Teams

TODAY!

Normandale 411: Get to Know NLC Information Session
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.



**Connect
Lunch
Learn**



Stay in the loop @ NLC

Wednesday Women's BIBLE STUDY

Celebration & End of Year Brunch

Wednesday May 6
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Fireside Room

WWBS Celebration and End of Year Brunch May 6 | 9:30am-11:30am | Fireside Room

Celebrate the close of our program year and honor the women in our community who have spent 20 years journeying through the entire Bible with WWBS, beginning with Genesis. Enjoy a light brunch along with guest speakers, music, scripture readings, and special moments of recognition. All women who have participated in WWBS over the years—no matter the study—are warmly invited to attend.

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:



WE NEED YOU!

Volunteer at one of our CYF Summer Programs!
Scan the QR Code for more info!

CYF Summer 2026 Programming

Summer Stretch After Dark | June 9-11, 4-9PM

Vacation Bible School - After Care | June 15-18

Colorade Overnight Urban Trek in Denver, CO | June 21-28

Summer Stretch | July 7-9, 9AM-2PM



Kid's Day In

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

\$60 per Child

Ages 3-13 are invited to join us
for 4 hours of fun and games.
Meals and Snacks included.



All profits will benefit Normandale Youth Summer Travel.

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, May 16

10am - Noon | Studio A

Book: A Song to Drown Rivers
by Ann Liang



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.

Adult Forum Series
Presented by RJET:

White Christian Nationalism (Emphasis on Theology over Politics)

following Worship at 10:45am
Sundays: May 17, May 31, June 7
Fellowship Hall



lecture and discussion with
Luther Seminary Professor
of Theology Amy Marga

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:

JOIN US TODAY!

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!

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

Look up at the organ in the sanctuary! Did you know that our **5,000 pipe organ** was purchased in the late 1990s from a church in Palm Beach, Florida? Over 30 members of Normandale provided their own time and funds to travel to Florida to assist with the disassembly and packing of the organ for transit to Edina! The purchase price at the time was ~\$100,000, and our organ now has an **estimated value of \$4 million!** What a gift from these generous members for the Normandale congregation and a tremendous contribution to the culture of faithful music here!

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

**GENEROSITY
CORNER**

This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church

April 20 - 26, 2026

Monday, April 20

4:00pm - 6:00pm

LeagueAires 60th Anniversary

Fireside Room

Tuesday, April 21

9:00am - 9:20am

10:00am - 12:00pm

4:00pm - 8:00pm

4:30pm - 6:00pm

5:30pm - 6:30pm

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Prayers for Peace
Giving Voice Chorus
REACH Youth Juggling Club
Normandale House Meeting
NLC Finance Committee
Alcoholics Anonymous

Chapel
Rehearsal Room
Gym
Studio A
Center Office
Room 207

Wednesday, April 22

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

6:30pm - 7:30pm

6:30pm - 8:00pm

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
Earth Day Vespers Service
SPARK
IGNITE
Normandale Choir Rehearsal
Wooddale Ave AA Meeting
Life Out Loud
ABLAZE

Fireside Room
Multi Purpose North
Fellowship Hall
Multi Purpose South
Studio B
Multi Purpose South
Chapel
Rehearsal Room
Multi Purpose South
Fireside Room
Studio A
Fish Bowl
Fish Bowl

Thursday, April 23

1:30pm - 3:00pm

3:15pm - 4:30pm

4:00pm - 6:00pm

5:45pm - 6:45pm

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Caregiver Support Group
RJET Book Club
REACH Youth Juggling Club
Handbell Choir
National Lutheran Choir Auditions

Virtual: on Zoom
Virtual: on Zoom
Gym
Multi Purpose North
Chapel

Friday, April 24

No Events Planned

Saturday, April 25

1:30pm - 4:00pm

National Lutheran Choir Auditions

Chapel

Sunday, April 26

9:30am - 10:30am

10:40am - 11:30am

10:40am - 11:30am

Worship
Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
Sunday School

Sanctuary
Fireside Room
Classrooms

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

