



life rising

Normandale Lutheran Church

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 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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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 

**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.

Gathering

Gathering Music

Variations on Truro

Maureen Howell & Brenda Portman

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

*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

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

*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

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

**Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have | tested us;

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

You brought us in- | to the net;

you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.

You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,

but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

**I will enter your house | with burnt offerings
and will pay | you my vows—**

those that I promised | with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

Come and listen, all you | who believe,

and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

**I called out to God | with my mouth,
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

If I had cherished evil | in my heart,

the Lord would | not have heard me;

but in truth | God has heard me

and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.**

*Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

*Gospel

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Adam White

*Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

Prayers and Offering

*Faith Marker: Prayer Practices

Pre-K Kids & Families

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

Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter

*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

ELW Page 152

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

ELW Page 153

*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

ELW Page 154

Distribution Hymns

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Day of Arising

ELW 816

ELW 374

*Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

Sending

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

*Sending

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

Sending Music

Peal Toccata on *Hyfrydol*

Gerald Near

Worship Leaders:

Preaching:	Pastor Adam White
Liturgist:	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
Organist:	John Stender
Choir:	Normandale Choir, John Stender, director
Accompanist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Cantor:	Rachael Leadholm
Acolytes:	Eliise & Eilee Hietala
Lector:	Mark Johns
Communion Crew:	Sarah Howard, Jim Niemeier
Communion Deacons:	Matt Klein, Lee Newcomer, Kim Pinkham, Pam Werley
Greeters:	Dave Myhre, Dot Olson
Sacristan:	Emily Steuerwald
Ushers:	Kemme Team



WE ♥ LILY!

After nine years of faithful ministry, our Director of Children's Ministry & Music, Lily Askegaard Ahrendt, will be concluding her professional time at Normandale on May 13. She will be pursuing a full-time career in music education.

We are deeply grateful for Lily's ministry among us and invite all in the congregation outdoors to offer thanks and blessings to Lily at the Sunday School End-of-Year Celebration!



Stay in the loop @ NLC

Community

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.

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



WEDNESDAY MAY 13 FROM 5:00 - 7:30 P.M.

A Special Normandale Table

Normandale Fiesta!

Gather outdoors in Trinity Commons for our
Last Normandale Table meal of the year.
Taco Bar with all the fixings!

No RSVP required!
Free For All!

Come hungry.
Leave connected.

Celebrating the life of



Anthony Knight

Memorial Service May 5, 2026

2:00pm - Visitation
3:00pm - Service
4:00pm - Reception

Celebrating the life of



Marlene Noble

Memorial Service May 15, 2026

10:00am - Visitation
11:00am - Service
12:00pm - Reception

Adults

2nd Saturday for Caregivers

Normandale Center for Healing & Wholeness
May 9, 2026

9:00-10:30am: Education

10:30am-Noon: Caregiver Support Groups



Self-Acupressure for Stress Management

Learn how acupressure can be a powerful tool for self-healing in times of stress. Includes an opportunity to participate in a guided sequence of self-acupressure, breathing, and visualization. Presented by Dr. Kim Christensen, a Licensed Acupuncturist and Chinese medicine herbalist.

Respite is available - register online at: normandalecenter.org/events.



Wednesday Women's BIBLE STUDY

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

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:
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— 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, June 7
Fellowship Hall



lecture and discussion with
Luther Seminary Professor
of Theology Amy Marga



Kid's Day In

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

Cost \$60

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

WELCOME ALLISON JAMES

We are excited to announce the hiring of Allison James as Normandale's new **Office Manager**.



Allison will begin on Monday, May 4. Please stop by the front desk and say "hello"!

About Allison:

Allison graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in 2022 and received a Master's in Theological Studies from Princeton Seminary in 2025. She is a life-long member of Normandale with a passion for church work and is excited to provide organization support for all forms of ministry happening here.

WE NEED YOU!

Volunteer at one of our CYF Summer Programs!

CYF Summer 2026 Programming:

Summer Stretch After Dark

June 9-11 | 4-9PM

Vacation Bible School

June 15-18 | 8AM-12PM

Colorado Overnight Urban Trek

June 21-28 | Denver, CO

Summer Stretch

July 7-9 | 9AM-2PM



Scan the QR Code for more info!



Enjoy **Normandale's Playground** today for the gathering after worship! Did you know our playground was substantially **updated in late 2023** for the children of our congregation and preschool? Due to the generous support of so many Normandale members that pledged funds to our Vision 2025 capital campaign, the Playground was redesigned and received an array of new equipment as a part of the Trinity Commons construction in 2023-2024. **Thanks for helping us create this important and wonderful play space for children here!**

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

**GENEROSITY
CORNER**

This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church

May 4 - 10, 2026

Monday, May 4

5:30pm - 6:30pm
6:00pm - 8:30pm

Hospitality Team Meeting
National Lutheran Choir Auditions

Fireside Room
Chapel

Tuesday, May 5

9:00am - 9:20am
10:00am - 12:00pm
11:30am - 1:30pm
2:00pm - 5:00pm
4:00pm - 8:00pm
6:30pm - 7:30pm
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Prayers for Peace
Giving Voice Chorus
NLC Staff and Facility Partners luncheon
Anthony Knight Visitation and Memorial
REACH Youth Juggling Club
Alcoholics Anonymous
Stephen Ministry Meeting

Chapel
Rehearsal Room
Fireside Room
Sanctuary
Gym
Room 207
Studio A

Wednesday, May 6

9:30am - 11:00am
12:00pm - 1:00pm
5:00pm - 6:30pm
5:00pm - 5:45pm
5:30pm - 7:30pm
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7:30pm - 9:00pm
7:30pm - 8:30pm
8:30pm - 9:30pm

WWBS Celebration and End of Year Brunch
Al-Anon
Normandale Table
Cherub Choir
Spanish Class
Children's Choir
Caregiver Support Group
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
Virtual: on Zoom
Multi Purpose South
Fireside Room
Rehearsal Room
Studio A
Fish Bowl
Fish Bowl

Thursday, May 7

9:00am - 10:00am
3:15pm - 4:30pm
4:00pm - 6:00pm
5:45pm - 6:45pm
6:00pm - 8:30pm

Pilates with Jen
RJET Book Club
REACH Youth Juggling Club
Handbell Choir
National Lutheran Choir Auditions

Studio B
Virtual: on Zoom
Gym
Multi Purpose North
Chapel

Friday, May 8

No Events Planned

Saturday, May 9

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

Saturday Caregiver Education
Caregiver Support Group

Room 209
Rooms 205, 212

Sunday, May 10

9:30am - 10:30am
10:40am - 11:30am
1:00pm - 3:30pm
6:30pm - 9:30pm

Worship
Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
Piano Recital
St. Louis Park Sunday Night AA Group

Sanctuary
Fireside Room
Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall

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

