



ALLELUIA

He is Risen!



Easter Sunday

NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 5, 2026 | 8:00 AM WORSHIP

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.



ELCA

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.

Normandale Staff

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Pastor of Mission & Outreach

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Pastor of Congregational Care

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HERE ?



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Normandale Lutheran Church
Normandale Lutheran Youth

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.



Easter Lamb

Our Easter worship this year is blessed with baby lambs from Get Bentz Farm, located outside of beautiful Northfield, MN, overlooking the Cannon River Valley.

Their yarn and other products are available at the Mill City and Linden Hills Farmers Markets. View the event page on their website for open house farm days and go visit! www.getbentzfarm.com

DARKNESS TO LIGHT: THE FIRST SERVICE OF EASTER

Congregational responses in **bold**.

* Please stand, as you are comfortable.

GATHERING

Worship begins outside in Trinity Commons as we greet the Resurrection dawn with the New Fire of Easter. [Inclement weather site is in the Fireside Room by the fireplace].

We gather early this Easter morning to celebrate this most holy day break as we make passage with Christ from darkness to light, from death to life. This service will include elements of the Easter Vigil and marks the end of the Three Days liturgy.

This is the final act of salvation—the resurrection of Jesus.

*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*The Service of Light

Pastor: The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

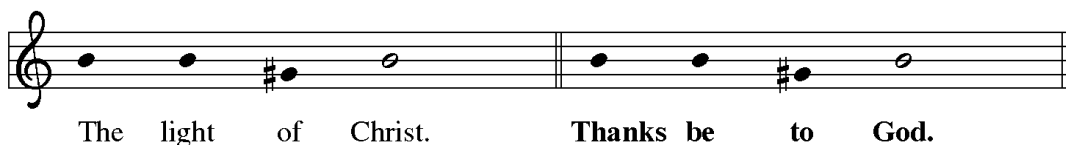
Procession begins led by the new light.



We process into the church led by the new light.



We process into the sanctuary led by the new light. As the light reaches its place in the front, please fill in the pews starting with the front rows first. Please remain standing as you are comfortable.



**The Easter Proclamation (The Exsultet)*

Rejoice, now all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation. Exult, also, O Earth, enlightened with such radiance; and made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world. Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples. **Amen.**

**Processional Hymn Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

ELW 365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORD

*Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Children's Message

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

Hymn

Be Not Afraid (sung three times)

ELW 388

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
 God's mercy en- | dures forever.

Let Israel | now declare,

"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

The LORD is my strength | and my song,
 and has become | my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:

"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
 The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works | of the LORD.

The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
 but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

Open for me the | gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

"This is the gate | of the LORD;
 here the righ- | teous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
 and you have become | my salvation.**

The stone that the build- | ers rejected
 has become the chief | cornerstone.

**By the LORD has | this been done;
 it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

**This is the day that the | LORD has made;
 let us rejoice and be | glad in it.**

**Gospel Procession*

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

**Gospel*

Matthew 28:1-10

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

(reading of the Gospel)

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



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-tur-ns to life once more;
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris-ing of to - day.
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

**Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING AND PRAYERS

**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.

Offering

- To give securely via text message, text your gift amount to 952-260-5601 and follow the prompts.
- To give via mobile app, download the app, "ShelbyNEXT | Giving." Select Normandale Lutheran Church (55436).
- To give via debit or credit card visit www.normluth.org/give or follow the QR code.



*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. 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.

*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.

SENDING

*Blessing

*Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

ELW 385



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Sending*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

**Postlude*

Toccata (Symphony for Organ No. 5)

Charles-Marie Widor

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING

Pastor Adam White

LITURGISTS

Pastors Rebecca Gamble, Maria Pederson

ORGANISTS

Gregory Peterson, Lorna Wolthoff

INSTRUMENTAL

Normandale Brass

ACOLYTES

Annileigh Nelson, Tyler Nelson Jr.

CANTORS

Lucia Feyder

CRUCIFER

Gene Diaz

GREETER

Susie Baker

LECTOR

Annileigh Nelson

SACRISTAN

Cindy Nelson

USHERS

Kay & Lynn Laaksonen, Bruce & Maren Kleven, Bob Sannerud



Stay in the loop @ NLC

Community



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

Normandale Table

Chef-created, healthy and delicious meals.
FAST, EASY, and focused on community.



Check out the Menu:

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.

Wednesday Women's BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays through May

9:30-11:30am
Fireside Room

Livestreamed
onYouTube

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!



April 8 | 11:00am-1:30pm
Fireside Room

Note:
Presentation begins at 11:15

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



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

GUEST PREACHER

DR. BARBARA ROSSING

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 9:30AM

Special Presentation, "Lamb Power, Ecology, and Hope: Revelation's Vision For Our Earth" following worship in Fellowship Hall.

Get to Know Normandale Information Session

April 19 | 10:40am-12:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Interested in learning more about Normandale? Join us for lunch as we share about the life and mission of Normandale. If you are new to the community or are considering membership, please plan to attend. Childcare is available.

New members will be received in worship on
Sunday, April 26.

Please RSVP to Kristi at kshepherd@normandale.org

Normandale 411
Connect. Learn. Lunch.

Adults

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 successfully 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 waste contamination fees, the church has an opportunity to save by increasing the amount we recycle and compost, which are taxed at a lower rate and avoids trash overage fees.

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

Adult Forum Series
Presented by RJET:

White Christian Nationalism (Emphasis on Theology over Politics)

Save the Date!

Sundays: May 17, May 31, and June 7
Following Worship at 10:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Professor Amy Marga returns to help us understand the presence of White Christian Nationalism in the USA today. We'll explore what it means to call ourselves Lutheran Christians - and lovers of our country - without taking on the ideology of White Christian

Racial Justice & Equity Book Club

Thursdays
3:30-4:30pm
Zoom

Interested in joining the ongoing work of this book club to study race?

New members are always welcome!
Visit www.normluth.org/events for more information.



BOOK, BAGEL & BREW

Saturdays April 19 & May 17
10:00am-12:00pm
Studio A

Join us as we discuss "The Fury" by Alex Michaelides in April followed by "A Song to Drown Rivers" by Ann Liang in May, and of course there will be coffee & treats! Contact Katie Niessen to learn more at katiejnana@gmail.com or visit normluth.org/events for a complete list of dates and books.

Prayers for Peace

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

All are welcome to gather for a simple service of morning prayer, led by Pastor Adam.

CARE



NORMANDALE CENTER FOR

Healing & Wholeness

**Change is hard.
Caregiving is hard.**

We are here to support you on your caregiving journey.

We offer:

- Multiple **caregiver support groups**
- Evidence-based **workshops** on self-care and healthy aging
- Caregiver **Education**
- **Respite** and visiting **volunteers** to support caregivers
- **Medical equipment** loans

Coming in April:

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Tuesdays, April 21-May 26 | Summit Place, Eden Prairie
Second Saturday Education (April 11) on Storytelling, Literature & Music When Caring For Self and Others with speaker, Ted Bowman

Voices in Bloom: A Spring Luncheon + Sing-Along

(April 11, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm) with Giving Voice Edina Chorus and keynote speaker, Kayla Shaffer, MA, MT-BC, presenting Melodies of the Mind: music's impact on the brain and using music with the purpose of better health and wellbeing.

Register for the luncheon and find out more at: normandalecenter.org/events.

stephen MINISTRY.
A One- to-One Caring Ministry



Contact Pastor Maria now to learn more!




Prayer Ministry

Do you need support in prayer? Are you willing to pray for others? Our Prayer Chain volunteers pray individually & in confidence for all prayer requests. To request prayer or offer prayer support, email ksalmon@normluth.org

We provide prayer shawls to people who are experiencing difficult times...illness, surgery, personal crisis, loss and other challenges. If you or someone you know would like a shawl or you would like to donate your time knitting shawls please email ksalmon@normluth.org

Mission and Outreach

Foodshare month 

Throughout the month of March Normandale collected non-perishable food items and financial donations to ensure that all our neighbors can eat! You generously gave **\$30,010 - including the 10k matching grant challenge!** These gifts went directly to our Hunger Partners: CES & VEAP food shelves, Every Meal and Meals on Wheels. **THANK YOU!**

Normandale House

For more than 30 years, Normandale Housing Corporation has walked alongside families experiencing housing instability. In 2025, NHC purchased a new six-unit property in South Minneapolis enabling the ability to double the number of families currently served! NHC also began partnering with Lutheran Social Services for professional case management and property management.

Normandale Housing continues to create affordable, safe housing and provide meaningful support and personal relationships with tenants. There are many ways you can get involved!

Contact Pastor Rebecca for more information.



Get involved: We put love into action by meeting the basic needs of hunger, housing, and health – both locally and around the world. There are various ways to get involved today! Contact Pastor Rebecca to find out more information and be placed on our quarterly Mission and Outreach email.

Noisy Offering is one of the most joyful moments in worship at Normandale! Each week, children are invited to come forward, bringing their offerings to place in a big metal bowl at the chancel... and yes, it's meant to be loud! This beloved tradition, started by Kari Warnke (our current Preschool & Blessing Place Director), celebrates the energy, generosity, and faith of our youngest members. The clatter and clang are a beautiful reminder that every gift matters. Noisy Offering supports special causes like hunger relief during Minnesota FoodShare Month. It's also a meaningful way for families to talk about generosity and live out what it means to "love your neighbor." **We give thanks for the joyful noise—and for the generous hearts—of the children among us!**

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

GENEROSITY CORNER

Children, Youth and Family (CYF)

2026

SUMMER ADVENTURE

REGISTER NOW!

Summer Stretch After Dark: June 9-11
Current 6th Graders to 8th Graders

Vacation Bible School: June 15-18
Current 3-year olds to 4th Graders

Vacation Bible School After Care: June 15-18
Current 3-year olds to 4th Graders

Summer Stretch: July 7-9
Current 3rd Graders to 5th Graders

Camp Vermilion: August 2-7
Current 3rd Graders to 8th Graders



Interested in
volunteering this **SUMMER** ?

Anyone 5th grade or older is
eligible to volunteer!



Contact: cyf@normluth.org for more details

Wednesdays @ Normandale

We offer weekly faith formation for children & youth of all ages during the school year.

SPARK – 4th & 5th Graders

IGNITE – Confirmation 6th-8th Graders
6:30-7:30pm

Life Out Loud – High School Bible Study
7:30-8:30pm

ABLAZE – High School Youth Group
8:30-9:30pm

Questions? Contact CYF - cyf@normluth.org



Normandale Preschool Blessing Place

A place for all children to feel safe, loved, and accepted
Inspiring children 16 months to 5 years

Register for 2026-2027 school year!

For more information visit our website
www.normandalepreschool.com

Questions?
Contact our director,
Kari Warnke at
Kari@normluth.org
952-977-9371



Scan to Register

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.