



GOOD FRIDAY

Normandale Lutheran Church

April 3, 2026 | 6:30pm

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.

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Worship With Us

Hymnals are located in the pew backs. Both the ELW (red) and ACS (purple) hymnals are used in worship.

Hearing Devices are available to enhance your worship experience. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Large Print copies of bulletins, hymns and ELW liturgical settings are available. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

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.

Sensory Headphones are hanging outside the main sanctuary doors.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

THE THREE DAYS | TRIDUUM: On Thursday we begin the Triduum which means THE THREE DAYS. The Triduum includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Darkness to Light: The First Service of Easter which includes elements of the Easter Vigil. These three days are one liturgy. No benediction separates them as they share our celebration of the great mystery of our salvation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: We gather for confession and absolution to mark the end of our Lenten observance which began on Ash Wednesday with the marking of ashes and our confession of sin. On this night we receive absolution, and after hearing Jesus' command to love one another, come forward to be strengthened by his own body and blood given "for you." As Psalm 88 is sung, we strip the altar as we are reminded that Christ walked from the meal to his suffering and death.

GOOD FRIDAY: We gather in silence to hear of Christ's suffering on the cross. We lift up prayers for the church, the world, and for those of other faiths and no faith, remembering the encompassing love of Jesus for all this fallen world.

The meaning of Tenebrae

Tonight we join millions of Christians around the world in celebrating the ancient service of Tenebrae, which means “darkness” or “shadows”. Candles are extinguished and the lights are gradually dimmed, reminding us of the darkness that covered the earth during the crucifixion of our Lord.

* Please stand as you are comfortable

Congregational responses in **bold**

All gather in silence for prayer and reflection on the mystery of our salvation.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; as he now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 22: 1-8, 27-31

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?

**My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;
by night, but I | find no rest.**

Yet you are the | Holy One,
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

**Our ancestors put their | trust in you,
they trusted, and you | rescued them.**

They cried out to you and | were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

**But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,
scorned by all and despised | by the people.**

All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.

**“Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.”**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

**They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, “The | LORD has acted!”**

Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

First Reading

John 18:1-12

Hymn

Stay with Me

ELW 348

Second Reading

John 18:13-24

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus (verses 1 & 2)

ELW 349

Third Reading

John 18:25-40

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus (verse 3)

ELW 349

Fourth Reading

John 19:1-16a

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane (verse 1)

ELW 347

Fifth Reading

John 19:16b-25a

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane (verse 2)

ELW 347

Sixth Reading

John 19:25b-30

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane (verse 3)

ELW 347

Homily

Pastor Maria Pederson

*Seventh Reading

John 19:31-42

The Passion of our Lord.
Have mercy on us.

*Hymn of the Day

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
(choir sings verse 2)

ELW 351

Bidding Prayer

You are invited to pray in silence or aloud following each invitation to pray.
Each time of prayer concludes:

...We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The 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.

Anthem

Lamb of God

Gabriel Faure,
arr. Allan Petker

Procession and Adoration of the Cross

Repeated three times:

Behold the life-giving cross,
on which was hung the Savior of | the whole world.
Oh, come, let us | worship him.

Invitation to the Cross

***Hymn**

Were You There (stanzas 1-3 and 5)

ELW 353

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

*Please depart in silence or remain and pray.
Offering plates are located outside the sanctuary doors.*

Worship Leaders

Preaching:	Pastor Maria Pederson
Liturgists:	Pastors Rebecca Gamble, Adam White
Organist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Choir:	Normandale Choir, Gregory Peterson, guest director
Accompanist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Cantor:	Stephen Rush
Assisting Ministers:	Carmen Eide, Martin Hidy
Sacristan:	Kim Sannerud
Ushers:	Zac Hansberger, Rich & Jori Lovdal, Kay & Lynn Laaksonen

Easter Weekend at Normandale

A graphic for an Easter Egg Hunt. It features a light beige background with several colorful tulips in shades of purple, pink, and orange. Scattered among the flowers are several decorated Easter eggs in various colors and patterns. The words "Easter Egg Hunt" are written in a large, white, cursive font in the center of the graphic.

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.

Easter

Morning Worship

- 8:00 am** Darkness to Light:
The First Service of Easter
- 9:30 am** Cherub & Children's Choirs
- 11:00 am** Holy Communion