



life rising

Normandale Lutheran Church

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 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

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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 
Sunday School Ministry

Sunday School returns in September!

Interested in volunteering with Children's
Faith Formation, including Sunday School?

Contact CYF@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

Symphonia on Hyfrydol

arr. Kevin McChesney

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. Kevin McChesney

*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

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain
(stanzas 1-3)

ELW 363

*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

God of glory, your Son promised the gift of holy power. Send your Spirit of wisdom, that we might bear witness to the grace of forgiveness, and sing songs of joy to the One who makes us one. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

Word

Reading

Acts 1:6-14

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10

Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who | hate God flee.

As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice | before God!

In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,

the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.

You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.

Your people found their | home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.

*Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

*Gospel

John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Maria Pederson

*Hymn of the Day

With High Delight Let Us Unite

ELW 368

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

Awake, My Soul

Elaine Hagenberg

*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. 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 Music

Anthem

Thee We Adore

arr. Ralph Johnson

Hymns

O Bread of Life from Heaven
In the Singing

ELW 480

ELW 466

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing of High School Seniors

Now Children of God, **we as a congregation, celebrate you and entrust you to the Holy Spirit who will guide you, sustain you, and grant you wisdom wherever you may go.**

Go with our blessing, sent into the world. Thanks be to God.

Sending

*Blessing

*Recessional Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543

*Sending

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

Sending Music

III. March from *Second Sonata*
composed in homage to Edward Elgar and William Walton

Gerald Near

Worship Leaders:

Preaching:	Pastor Maria Pederson
Liturgists:	Pastors Rebecca Gamble, Adam White
Organist:	John Stender
Choir:	Normandale Choir, John Stender, director
Accompanist:	Lorna Wolthoff
Instrumental:	Normandale Bells, Lorna Wolthoff, director
Acolyte:	Sully Engelstad
Lector:	Carmen Eide
Communion Crew:	Martha Taylor, Susie Baker
Communion Deacons:	Lee Newcomer, Mary Quist Newins, Pat Lindstrand, Kim Sannerud
Greeters:	Chris Eide, Susie Baker
Sacristan:	Kim Sannerud
Ushers:	Kemme Team

Outdoor Worship:

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 24

9:30 a.m.

Trinity Commons

NORMANDALE LUTHERAN **SENIOR CELEBRATION**



In our Baptism we are reminded that God calls us beloved and that nothing can remove us from this love. Today in worship we celebrate and affirm the love God pours out onto these young people and publicly declare that where they go, God goes with them. Seniors: you are loved and always have a home here.

- Class of 2026 -

Autumn Berkholz | **Audrey** Corcoran

Hunter Fey | **Lucy** Gleason | **Hannah** Hein

Emily Huggett | **Signe** Linne | **Brett** Middleton


Holden Moon | **Robert** Nichols | **Blake** Nyberg

Sander Ohe | **Vincent** Ronhovde | **Gina** Russo

Katelin Seward | **Ben** Spilde | **Patrick** Vose

Harper Wohlrabe | **Kathryn** Zantek





So you know some things.
You've also noticed
how much there still is to discover.
You are both humbled and emboldened by this gain
and ground.
What's next?
Do not be fooled by the trite questions,
the expectations about pressing forward. There is no
right answer to how you
keep becoming.
There is no degree or title that can
fulfill all of who you are.
Delight in the wisdom and those who shared it.
Invest in the service
and those who need it.
Be thankful for the support
and those who gave it.
You are being sent
to speak what is true.
To do what is kind
to give what is necessary
So that your knowledge and mystery are alive in the
world
for all to share.

"For Graduation", by Meta Herrick Carlson. *Ordinary Blessings*, (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2020).



Stay in the loop @ NLC

Community

NORMANDALE BIKES, BITES, & BELONGING

Bring your bike to church!
Sunday, May 24



Following outdoor worship, we'll bike to Hopkins for lunch. ALL ARE WELCOME!
Wear your Pentecost red.

Contact Mark Johns mjohns@ecunet.org for more information!

Prayers for Peace

All are Welcome!

A simple morning service of prayer and reflection.

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

Adult Forum Series
Presented by RJET:

Begins Today!
Part 2: Sunday, June 7

White Christian Nationalism (Emphasis on Theology over Politics)

lecture and discussion with
Luther Seminary Professor Amy Marga

Following Worship at 10:45am | Fellowship Hall

Having named both the tension points and synergy between faith and politics in Pastor Adam's "(A)political Christianity?" discussion session, we now take a careful look at a particular expression of politics and faith.

Join RJET for this series kicking off Sunday, May 17 – which will help us understand the presence of White Christian Nationalism in the US today. We'll explore what it means to call ourselves Lutheran Christians - and even lovers of our country - without taking on this ideology.



Celebrating the lives of

Gary Bartz
May 18, 2026

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

Carl Christoffersen
May 27, 2026
Friendship Village of Bloominton

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

Adults



NORMANDALE CENTER FOR *Healing & Wholeness*



Summer Book Club + Support Group

To the Last Dance
Living & Loving through Dementia

June 2 - July 7
6 Tuesdays
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Room 212

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Join us in reading *To The Last Dance* by Myrna Marofsky, a heartfelt memoir about loving someone with dementia, and connect in discussion with other caregivers. This candid memoir is not another to-do list or dementia caregiver's guide but instead, a real-life love story. The author will join us virtually for our last session on July 7.

Books are provided free of charge.

Register online at NormandaleCenter.org/Events or contact us at info@normandalecenter.org or 952.929.1698.



Pilates with Jen

JENNIFER PEDERSON
PHYSICAL THERAPY, LLC

now through May 28
Thursdays 9-10AM
in Studio B

\$15 per session.
Payable via cash or
Venmo at the door.

Please bring a mat and towel.
No experience required.

Strengthen your body and soul!

BE Together

A simple outdoor gathering on Wednesday
nights this summer at Normandale!



Wednesdays: June 17 - July 8 - August 5
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Trinity Commons
Everyone is Welcome!



Presents

Songs from Our Childhood

Saturday, May 30 | 12:30pm
Normandale Lutheran Church

Free tickets: givingvoicechorus.org/concerts

2026

SUMMER ADVENTURE

REGISTER NOW!

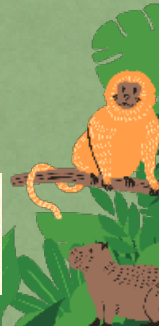
Last chance to register! Closes May 31.

Spots still available!!

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

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

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



SHOP THE 2026
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

amazon **wishlist**

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Support Summer Faith Formation!

Did you know that Normandale has a long tradition of supporting young leaders exploring a call to church leadership? Years ago, Normandale established the **Sending Forth Fund** to help **support young people** from our congregation pursuing seminary & ministry leadership. This summer, thanks in part to the generosity of this fund, five incredible young adult interns are helping lead and shape faith formation programming for children and youth at Normandale. For generations, Normandale members have invested in young people **discerning how they might serve God and the world**. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported the Sending Forth Fund — and especially thankful for this year's amazing interns!

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

**GENEROSITY
CORNER**

Financial Update: How is Normandale doing so far in 2026?

This is a report on the congregation's financial results and key indicators related to the 2026 Annual Ministry Budget.

Donation support. Household donations provide the primary support for Normandale's budgeted \$2.8 million 2026 Annual Ministry Budget. The major segments of donor support include the following, with financial observations for year-to-date activity through April:

- Pledged Giving – Prepaid. These are donor pledges for 2026 support that are fully paid prior to the start of the year. We had a meaningful increase in prepaid pledges this year, with a total of \$167,000 already given to the church.
- Pledged Giving – Ongoing. These are regular donations from households that planned their giving and submitted a pledge to the church to indicate their intentions for 2026. This giving is exactly “on schedule”, amounting to \$380,000 of YTD giving, thanks to all of you that pledged and generously support the church!
- Unpledged Giving. These are donations from ~250 households that did not provide a pledge to the church. These gifts are important, as the church relies on such giving each year. So far, unpledged giving is significantly behind expectations, amounting to \$130,000 through April versus a budget plan of \$240,000. If you are a household that hasn't submitted a pledge card, your gift really matters, so please evaluate your giving this year and help us keep “on track” with your financial support; thank you!
- Designated Giving. This is a positive highlight for Normandale in 2026! These are gifts for specific purposes, such as our March hunger drive (MN Foodshare), support for Normandale Housing, and contributions for Families in Crisis support. Congregation member designated giving through April exceeds \$115,00 for these timely needs, thanks to everyone who has contributed! Of note, please recognize that designated gifts go 100% to the recipient causes and partner organizations, and these donations do not provide support for Normandale's ongoing operations and ministry.

Expenditures. The congregational budget includes these major elements:

- Operating Costs. This includes staffing, property costs, and direct costs of providing worship, faith formation programming, and hospitality. These expenses have been \$914,000 and are running about 4% over budget. Staffing and administrative costs combined are equal to the approved budget, but property costs so far this year have been about \$26,000 above plan due mostly to increased utilities and higher than expected property maintenance and repair costs.
- Mission & Outreach. These benevolent expenditures have been \$193,000 so far this year, over 17% of all expenditures! This includes budgeted support to partner organizations and includes the congregation's increase in designated giving.

Thank you to everyone that supports Normandale and God's work that is done here!

This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church

May 18 - 24, 2026

Monday, May 18
10:00am - 1:00pm

Gary Bartz Memorial Service

Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 19
9:00am - 9:20am
10:00am - 12:00pm
4:00pm - 6:30pm
4:00pm - 8:00pm
4:30pm - 6:00pm
5:30pm - 6:30pm
6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

Chapel
Rehearsal Room
Virtual
Gym
Studio A
Center Office
Room 207

Wednesday, May 20
11:30am - 12:30pm
12:00pm - 1:00pm
6:00pm - 7:30pm
6:30pm - 8:00pm
7:30pm - 9:00pm

Memory Cafe
Al-Anon
Caregiver Support Group
Normandale Choir Rehearsal
Wooddale Ave AA Meeting

Studio A
Multi Purpose North
Virtual: on Zoom
Rehearsal Room
Studio A

Thursday, May 21
9:00am - 10:00am
3:15pm - 4:30pm
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Pilates with Jen
RJET Book Club
REACH Youth Juggling Club

Studio B
Virtual: on Zoom
Gym

Friday, May 22

No Events Planned

Saturday, May 23

No Events Planned

Sunday, May 24
9:30am - 10:30am
10:40am - 11:30am
10:30am - 1:00pm
6:30pm - 9:30pm

Outdoor Worship
Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
Normandale Bike Group
St. Louis Park Sunday Night AA Group

Trinity Commons
Trinity Commons
Parking Lot
Fellowship Hall

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



