



**Normandale Lutheran Church**

## Gathering Music

*Festival Prelude on Thaxted*  
*Prelude on O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*

David Howard Pettit  
Wayne Wold

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place*  
(sung by all)

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here  
with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we  
lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have  
been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

### \*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.**

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

*Refrain*

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
nor rootless liberty;  
turn disquiet to contentment,  
doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure.

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root - of life, cre -  
 2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you  
 3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -

a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -  
 free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to  
 com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.  
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.  
 cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

## Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** (read responsively)

Refrain: Tu envoies ton souffle: ils sont créés, et tu renouvelles la face de la terre.

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.**

There go the ships  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;**

**when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

*Refrain:* Mandi il tuo spirito, sono creati, e rinnovi la faccia della terra.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

**(Refrain) When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.**

*Refrain:* Du sendest aus deinen Odem, so werden sie geschaffen,  
und du erneuest die Gestalt der Erde.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works—

who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

**May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

*Refrain:* Envías tu Espíritu, son creados, y renuevas la faz de la tierra.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*We've Come This Far by Faith*  
(choir: refrain and verse 1; all: refrain)

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*Refrain - All*

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;

trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.

Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

1 Just remember  
the good things God has done,  
things that seemed impossible;  
oh, praise him for the vict'ries he has won.

2 Don't be discouraged  
with trouble in your life;  
he'll bear your burdens,  
and move all the discord and strife.

## \*Gospel

John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Adam White



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,  
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,  
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:  
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.  
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;  
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;  
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.  
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.  
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;  
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;  
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.  
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.  
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

## 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.

Normandale Lutheran Church is 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.

## \*Prayers of Intercession

*Come, Holy Spirit, Descend*

ACS 980

Congregational response following each prayer petition:

\*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -

scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus'

name. (hm)

*\*Additional verses ad lib:*  
Come, Breath of heaven, . . .  
Come, Word of mercy, . . .  
Come, Fire of judgment, . . .  
Come, great Creator, . . .  
Come to unite us, . . .  
Come to disturb us, . . .  
Come to inspire us, . . .

## **\*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.

## **\*Sharing of the Peace**

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

**Thanks for your Generosity**      Families in Crisis      Pastor Rebecca Gamble

**Music at the Offering**      *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*      Spiritual, arr. William Dawson

## **\*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.

## **\*Blessing**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*

ELW 866, alt.

*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

*nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

**Additional Verses:**

- 2. We are dancing with the Spirit of God...**
- 3. We'll go out with the Spirit of God...**

**\*Blessing and Sending**

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

# This Week at Normandale Lutheran Church May 25 - 31, 2026

<b>Monday, May 25</b>	No Events Planned	
<b>Tuesday, May 26</b> 9:00am - 9:20am 10:00am - 12:00pm 4:30pm-6:30pm 6:30pm - 7:30pm 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Prayers for Peace Giving Voice Chorus National Lutheran Choir - Vocal Assessments Alcoholics Anonymous Church Council Meeting	Chapel Rehearsal Room Rehearsal Room Room 207 Studio A
<b>Wednesday, May 27</b> 7:30pm - 9:00pm	Wooddale Ave AA Meeting	Studio A
<b>Thursday, May 28</b> 9:00am - 10:00am 1:30pm - 3:00pm 3:15pm - 4:30pm	Pilates with Jen Caregiver Support Group RJET Book Club	Studio B Virtual: on Zoom Virtual
<b>Friday, May 29</b> 11:00am-12:00pm	Memorial Service for Carl Christoffersen	Friendship Village
<b>Saturday, May 30</b> 12:30pm - 1:30pm	Giving Voice Concert	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, May 31</b> 9:30am - 10:30am 10:40am - 11:30am 2:00pm - 4:00pm 6:30pm - 9:30pm	Worship Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship National Lutheran Choir - Vocal Assessments St. Louis Park Sunday Night AA Group	Sanctuary Fireside Room Rehearsal Room Fellowship Hall

In 2026, it has been extra clear just how much Normandale Lutheran Church cares about its neighbors! Member contributions to our **Families in Crisis fund** (including our response to needs stemming from Operation Metro Surge) have reached \$17,888 - \$1,000 coming in just last week! Already, nearly ALL of this has gone right back out our doors and into the community as one-time support that helped families avoid eviction, keep their lights on, vehicles running, and homes habitable (for example, patching a caved in mobile home roof). These needs persist, and so does our support with your help – **THANK YOU!**

**GENEROSITY CORNER**

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

## TODAY AT NORMANDALE

### Outdoor Fellowship

Join us for coffee and donuts in the parking lot near the bridge to Trinity Commons following worship.

### WAYS TO GIVE

- Online:** [normluth.org/give](http://normluth.org/give)
- Text:** gift amount to: 952.260.5601
- Download the App:**  
ShelbyNEXT|Giving  
Select "Normandale Lutheran" (55436)



### The Play Ground is the PrayGround!



Families are welcome to play while they worship. Let the children make joyful noise as they climb, jump and praise God with all their energy!

### Noisy Offering

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Preacher:</b>	Pastor Adam White	<b>Lector:</b>	Karen Newcomer
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Pastor Rebecca Gamble	<b>Psalm Refrain:</b>	Kristen Bonneville, Katie Hein, Martin Hidy, Jean Wikoff
<b>Choir:</b>	Normandale Choir, John Stender, Director	<b>Greeters:</b>	Mel Henry
<b>Accompanist:</b>	Lorna Wolthoff	<b>Sacristan:</b>	Edel Henningsen
<b>Soloists:</b>	Karen Hansen, Steve Melin	<b>Ushers:</b>	Kemme Team
<b>Instrumentalists:</b>	Allison James, trumpet Jim Meffert-Nelson, percussion		