AFFIRMING

Faith

Reformation Sunday | Affirmation of Baptism

October 25, 2026 | 9:00 am

NORMANDALE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Pastor Maria Pederson

Presider: Pastor Rebecca Gamble

Baptismal Thanksgiving Celebrant: Pastor Adam White

Assisting Minister: Kira Petersen

Organists: John Stender, Lorna Wolthoff

Choirs: Normandale Choir, Normandale Chamber Choir, Children's Choir; John Stender, Director

Cherub Choir, Olivia Diercks, Director

Brass Quartet: Bob Jacob, Allison James, Amanda Smith, Deborah Smith

Acolytes: Jacob Hegrenes, Maxim Komarenko

Crucifer: Mabel Duray

Bible Bearer: Adalyn Steuerwald

Light Bearer: Anika Berkholz

Baptismal Thanksgiving Acolytes: Jacob Hegrenes, Eilee Hietala, Maxim Komarenko, Cameron Lew, Calista Monnot, James Nordin, Kira Petersen, Peter Peterson

Ribbon Bearers: Mairi Doom, Annika McCutcheon

Altar Guild: Kim Sannerud, Susie Baker, Kira Petersen

Communion Deacons: Anika Berkholz, Mairi Doom, Mabel Duray, Jacob Hegrenes, Eilee Hietala, Maxim Komarenko, Cameron Lew, Annika McCutcheon, Calista Monnot, James Nordin, Peter Peterson, Adalyn Steuerwald

Greeters: Susie Baker, Mel Henry

Lectors: Mairi Doom, Anika Berkholz, Adalyn Steuerwald

Sacristan: Kim Sannerud

Ushers: Feyder/Laaksonen Teams

GATHERING

Gathering Music
Toccata in d minor, BuxWV 155 — Dieterich Buxtehude

Call to Worship
Cherub and Children's Choirs
There's a Spirit in the Air — Brian Wren, trad. French Tune

*Processional Hymn
ELW 504
A Mighty Fortress is Our God — Stanza 3: Choir Only

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Affirmation of Baptism

Profession of Faith
After each question the congregation responds:
I renounce them.

Blessing and Placement of Stoles

*Sharing the Peace
The peace of Christ is with you always.
And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day
Good and gracious God, you pour your love over us. You free us from the power of sin and death, and gather us together as your people so that we might live into the freedom we have in Christ. May your Holy Spirit embolden us to work toward justice and peace as we live free, in the light of your gospel. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

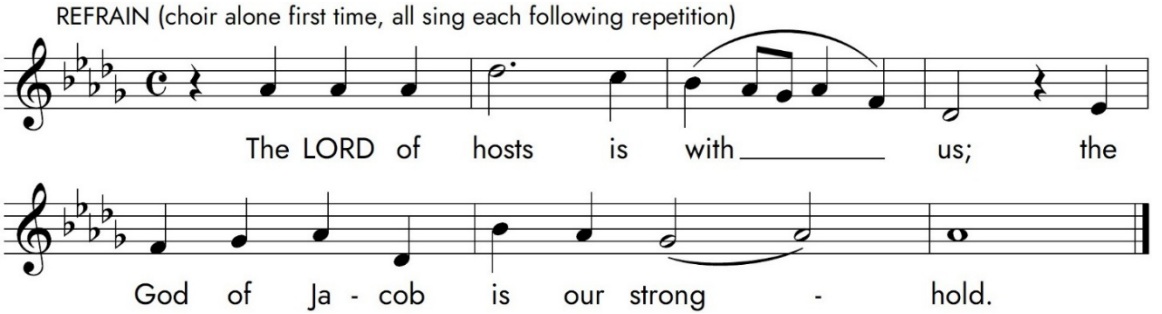
WORD

First Reading
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm Anthem
Normandale Chamber Choir

Psalm 46 (verses sung by the choir)
Mark Mummert



Second Reading
Romans 3:19-28

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation
Verse: John 8:31-32, arr. John Helgen

*Gospel Reading — John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

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

Sermon — Pastor Maria Pederson

*Hymn of the Day — ELW 449

We Know That Christ is Raised

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition the congregation responds:
Your mercy is great.

MEAL

Offering — Normandale Choir

Verleih' uns Frieden, WoO 5 (1831) — Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten;
Es ist doch ja kein ander nicht,
Der für uns könnte streiten,
Denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

Grant us peace graciously,
Lord God, in our time;
there is indeed no other
who could fight for us
thank you, our God, alone.

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*Offertory

As the offering is brought forward, children are invited to joyfully being their noisy offering to the front.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

GIVE

*Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving ELW p. 144

*Preface

*Sanctus ELW p. 144

*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.

Communion

Agnus Dei — ELW 196*

**This setting known as "Christe, du Lamm Gottes" originated with Martin Luther and his German translation of the traditional Latin Mass. He reworked a Gregorian tune used for the Kyrie (suggesting liturgical symmetry) and employed it in his Deutsche Messe (1526). It was officially published by Johannes Bugenhagen in 1528 and remains in Lutheran hymnals for our use today.*

Distribution Hymns

Now We Join in Celebration — ELW 462

Father, We Thank You — ELW 478

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Announcements

*Blessing

*Recessional Hymn ELW 665
Rise, Shine, You People

*Dismissal
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CONNECT

Sending Music
Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572 J.S. Bach

Welcome to a celebration of

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Today as a congregation, **we celebrate the new life we are given in Christ through baptism**. This celebration is for all of us, and today there is a particular group that is called by name: our ninth-grade students.

When children receive the gift of baptism, the caring adults in their life, and we as a whole congregation make commitments to accompany that child in faith. We live among them as God's faithful people, place into their hands God's Holy Scriptures, celebrate the Lord's Supper together, and pray for them.

During the Affirmation of Baptism today, ninth graders will take on the yoke of these responsibilities - symbolized by receiving a stole. This act is a public affirmation of their desire to walk in the way of Jesus.

We celebrate that this yoke is one we do not carry alone. We are buoyed by our Lord God's durable promise of salvation, revealed in Christ Jesus.

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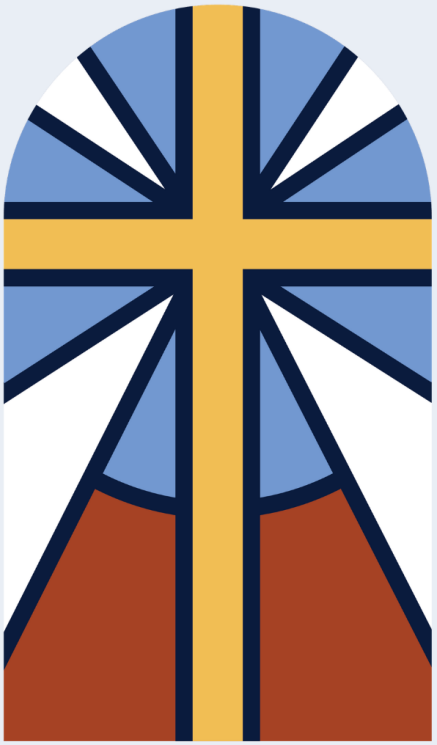

Do you know that your support of Normandale's annual ministry fund helps us live out our baptismal call to be in community among God's people?

At baptism we commit to sharing the Good News that we find in Christ Jesus. This sharing of the Gospel extends beyond this congregation and to our neighbors! Because of this, we get to host neighborhood events like Community Fest, **Trick-or-Treat (happening on Wednesday, October 28)**, the Easter Egg Hunt, and more - all at no cost to participants.

Your generosity opens the door to this work! Together, we get to celebrate the freedom we find in Christ through these special events with no barriers to entry. This generosity looks like hosting a Trick-or-Treat table, donating candy, leading on the CYF Committee, and beyond. Praise be to God for the chance to live in light of the Gospel!

GENEROSITY CORNER

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This Week | October 25 - November 1, 2026

Sunday, October 25

9:00am - 10:00am	Worship in Sanctuary	Sanctuary
10:10am - 11:10am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship	Fireside Room
10:10am - 11:10am	The Branches: *Death, Dying, & Doing It Well: The Long Goodbye Begins Now: Legacy* with Rev. Katie Jorgensen	Fell. Hall
10:10am - 11:10am	Sunday School	Fishbowl, Rooms 205-213
11:15am - 12:00pm	Worship in Chapel	Chapel
7:30pm - 8:30pm	St. Louis Park Sunday Night AA Group	Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 26

10:00am - 1:30pm	Dee Burstrom visitation, funeral, & reception	Sanctuary
11:00am - 12:00pm	Memory Café	Studio A

Tuesday, October 27

9:00am - 9:30am	Prayers for Peace	Chapel
10:00am - 12:30pm	Giving Voice Chorus	Rehearsal Room
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Council Meeting	Studio A

Wednesday, October 28

9:30am - 11:00am	Wednesday Women's Bible Study	Fireside Room
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Edina Wednesday Noon Al-Anon	Multi Purpose Room N.
5:00pm - 5:45pm	Cherub & Children's Choirs	Multi Purpose Rooms N. & S.
5:30pm - 7:00pm	Normandale Trick or Treat	Fellowship Hall, Fireside Room
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Normandale Choir	Rehearsal Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Middle School Ministry	Fellowship Hall
7:30pm - 9:30pm	High School Ministry	Fishbowl
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Wooddale Ave AA Meeting	Studio A

Thursday, October 29

9:00am - 10:00am	Pilates with Jen	Studio B
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Brown Bag Bible Study	Fireside Room
5:45pm - 6:45pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Multi Purpose Room N.

Friday, October 30

7:00am - 8:00am	Matin Luther	Fireside Room

Sunday, November 1

9:00am - 10:00am	Worship in Sanctuary	Sanctuary
10:10am - 11:10am	The Branches: *Death, Dying, & Doing It Well: Faith-full to the End* with Prof. Ginger Morgan	Fellowship Hall
10:10am - 11:10am	Sunday School	Fishbowl, Rooms 205-213
11:15am - 12:00pm	Worship in Chapel	Chapel
6:30pm - 7:00pm	All Saints Remembrance Bonfire	Trinity Commons
7:30pm - 8:30pm	St. Louis Park Sunday Night AA Group	Fellowship Hall