



NORTHDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH TAMPA, FL FEBRUARY 2, 2020

## Northdale Lutheran Church and School

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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Welcome to Northdale Lutheran!** We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:

Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.



- Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- ♣ To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship. Please do not leave children unattended in the Quiet Room. We ask that at least one adult be present while children are in this room.
- Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.

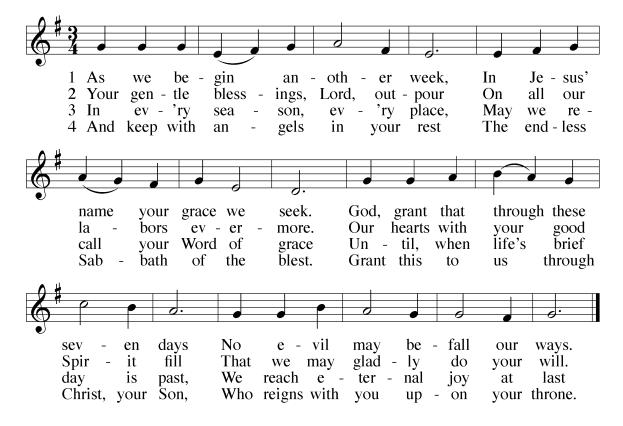
#### **WORSHIP THEME**

Trust in God's strength! The weaker you are, the stronger God is in your life. Look at the past acts of God's grace and you will find many reasons to trust his strength in the face of adversity, persecution or sorrow.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

"The Common Service" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. It became the service commonly used by English-speaking Lutherans in America and appeared as "The Order of the Holy Communion" in The Lutheran Hymnal.

**OPENING HYMN, CW #223, "AS WE BEGIN ANOTHER WEEK"** 



Text: Martin Wandersleben, 1608–68, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt. Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

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#### INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God reminds worshipers of their baptisms.)

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship

of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

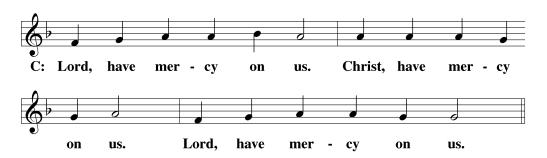
#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

#### **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

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M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



#### PRAISE AND PRAYER

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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## THE WORD OF GOD



THE FIRST LESSON: MICAH 6:1-8

The sacrifice God wanted was a broken and contrite heart that knows its weakness and trusts in the strength of God's saving grace. Then God will give the strength to act justly, to love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

Listen to what the Lord says:

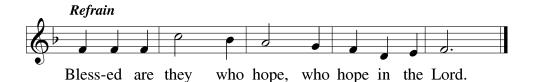
"Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say.

<sup>2</sup>"Hear, you mountains, the Lord's accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the Lord has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel.

3"My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? Answer me.
4I brought you up out of Egypt
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.
I sent Moses to lead you,
also Aaron and Miriam.
5My people, remember
what Balak king of Moab plotted
and what Balaam son of Beor answered.
Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."

<sup>6</sup>With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
<sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
<sup>8</sup>He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

#### THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 1





#### Refrain

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the <u>wicked\*</u> or stand in the way of <u>sin</u>ners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,\* and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in <u>sea</u>son\* and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers

#### Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,\* nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the <u>right</u>eous,\* but the way of the wicked will <u>per</u>ish.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,\*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### Refrain

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#### THE SECOND LESSON: I CORINTHIANS 1:26-31

This Lesson serves as the Sermon Text for today.

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup>God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup>It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

#### THE VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18)



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#### THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, our Savior calls blessed people that the world would use as doormats! To live this kind of blessedness requires a deep trust in the Lord's Strength and a long-term view of life.

#### M: The Gospel Lesson from Matthew, chapter 5.



Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup>and he began to teach them.

#### He said:

- <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

#### M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



#### 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

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#### SERMON HYMN, CW #395, "SEEK WHERE YOU MAY TO FIND A WAY"



Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635, abr.; tr. Arthur P. Voss, 1899–1955, alt. Tune: SUCH, WER DA WILL (447 447 44 447) Johann Stobäus, 1580–1646, alt.

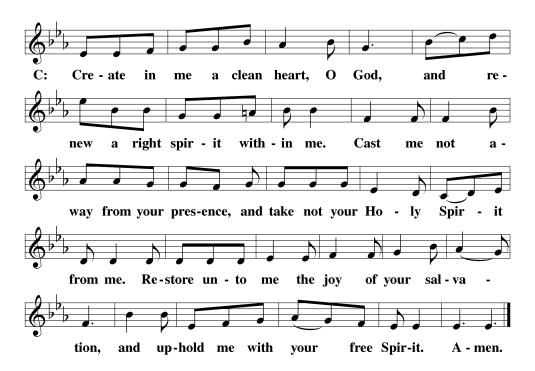
**SERMON TEXT: I CORINTHIANS 1:26-31** 

**SERMON THEME:** 

## God Turns Everything upside Down

### **THANKSGIVING**

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#### **OFFERING**

Please sign the Friendship Register in each of the pews and pass it to those sitting next to you.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.

Online giving is now set up and available through our membership software entitled Breeze. You can give through Breeze two ways: 1) You can give by texting "Give" to (813) 652-0408. 2). You can go to https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.

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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.
- C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.
- M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:
- C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.
- M: Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:
- C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.
- M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:
- C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will

stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the

everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

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#### LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come.

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power

and the glory forever and forever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Northdale Lutheran practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of Northdale Lutheran or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament today. If you have questions about becoming a member to partake of the sacrament, please speak to pastor after worship.



#### **PREFACE**

(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.)

M: The Lord be with you.



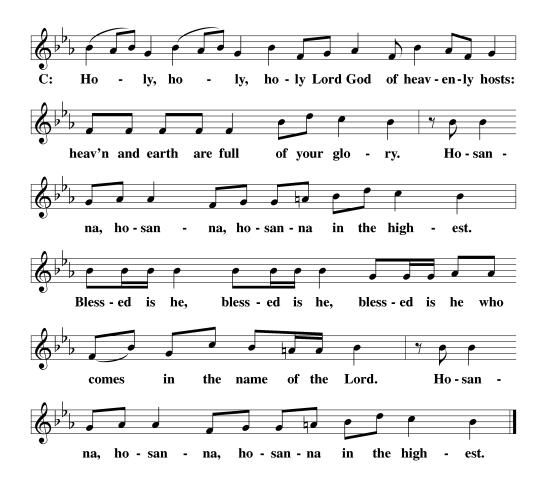
M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



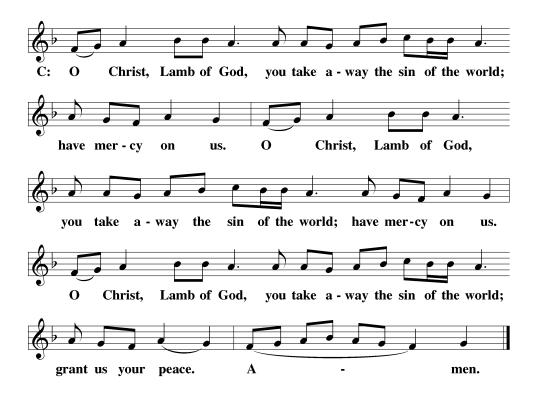
#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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#### DISTRIBUTION

(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.)

**GUESTS:** SO THAT THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE PASTOR BEFORE COMMUNING WITH US.

**Members:** We encourage you to use "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

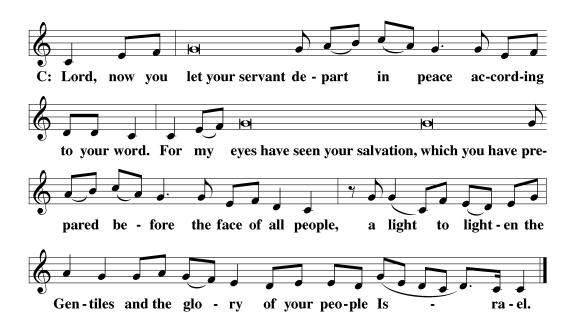
#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN, CW #79, "HOW LOVELY SHINES THE MORNING STAR"**



Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, abr., adapt.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt. Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

#### SONG OF SIMEON

**NUNC DIMITTUS** 



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



#### FINAL PRAYER

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### **BLESSING**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace





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Copies of today's sermon and last week's sermon can be found on the table in the narthex on the way out of church. You can also find them on our website at www.northdalelutheran.org. In addition, all of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website. We also e-mail out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please e-mail Pastor Vann at pastor@northdalelutheran.org and let him know. You can also become a friend on Facebook

#### **Announcements:**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** We continue our Bible Study on the Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) in our Sunday Morning Bible Study. This class takes a look at the life of Jesus in a chronological order. It is a great way to become more acquainted with your Savior Jesus and know all that he did to live as your substitute here on this earth. It is through the study of God's Word that we remain connected to our Savior and grow in our faith and godly living. We hope to see you on Sunday morning.

<u>Chris Dreisbach:</u> WELS musician, Chris Dreisbach, will be with us in worship in two weeks on February 9. He will accompany our music for the day. He will also be sharing his story during our Bible Class that morning. You will want to join us for this special presentation.

<u>Chris Haring Deliberates Call:</u> Last Sunday, Chris Haring received a call to serve as teacher of grades 3-4 at Gethsemane Lutheran School in Omaha, NE. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve in God's Kingdom.

Martin Luther College Matching Grant Program: Martin Luther College, our WELS College of Ministry, has designed a program to help congregations support and encourage their young people to study for the pastoral or teaching ministry. The matching grant program will match up to \$1,000 given by a congregation for each student. So if the congregation can raise \$1,000, the student will receive another \$1,000 from MLC for a total of \$2,000 in aid. The Ministry Leadership Team authorized a drive to raise \$1,000 in support of Tabitha Vannieuwenhoven who is attending Martin Luther College as a freshman next year. If you are interested in helping to support Tabitha as she studies to be a teacher, you can place your checks in the offering plate and mark them: MLC Congregational Match. Thank you in advance for your support of this program. We at Northdale Lutheran have benefitted greatly from the pastors and teachers trained from Martin Luther College. This is a great way to support and encourage our own members to pursue this career.

#### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets at noon this Sunday. We are finishing Prepared to Answer and will begin a new study in February with Joel V. Petermann's Prayer: An Audience with the King. Copies can be ordered at online.nph.net or Amazon if you are interested in buying a copy.

#### **Called Staff**

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Amy Vannieuwenhoven: 813-787-5025

#### This Week:

Monday (2/3): 6:30pm - Land and Facilities Team

7:30pm - Youth Ministry Team

Tuesday (2/4): 6:30pm - Bible Information Class

Wednesday (2/5): 6:30pm - Confirmation

Sunday (2/9): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship

9:15am - Sunday School

9:25am – Adult Bible Study

#### **Serving Today**

Music: 8:00—Chris Haring

10:30—Aiden Berg

Ushers: 8:00— Ruben Gaviria

10:30 — Chris Haring

Acolyte: 8:00—Daniel Busch

10:30—Ava Richardz

Elder: David Mosakowski

#### **Serving Next Week**

Music: Chris Dreisbach

Ushers: 8:00 - Brian Busch

10:30 — Joe Picone & Kim Schacker

Acolyte: 8:00—Sean Corrigan

10:30-Nicholas Koestler

Elder: David Mosakowski

#### Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.—25 10:30 a.m.—74

Total: 99

Yearly Average: 100

% of Members in Worship: 41%

#### **Financial Information**

Contributions for 1/26: \$3,160.00

Online Contributions through 1/26: \$2,610.53 Contributions budgeted per week: \$4,423.08 Contributions budgeted to date: \$132,692.40 Contributions received to date: \$138,513.11 Ahead or (Short) through 1/26/20: \$5,820.71

#### 2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals Through December 31

Total Income (Church and School): \$338,197.90 Total Expenses (Church and School): \$293,359.57

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: \$44,895.18

#### **Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future**

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00

Received Last Week: \$445

Total received to date: \$337,400.41 Projected Completion date: March 2020

## Martin Luther College Congregational Partner Program Goal to raise: \$1,000.00 by June 1 Total Gifts received to date: \$175.00