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

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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:

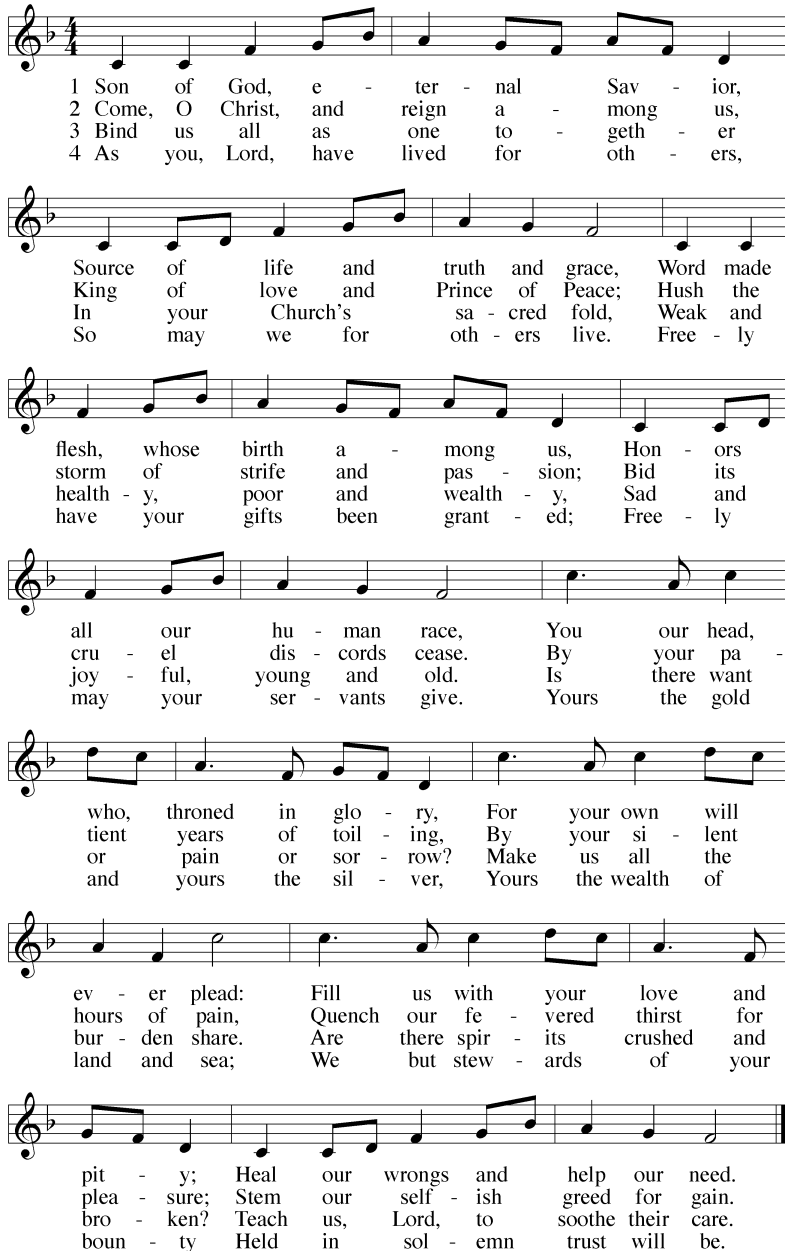
- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Help us be more welcoming by signing the guest registers in each row.
- ❖ To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children 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 will be printed in the worship folder.

WORSHIP THEME

The meaning of life cannot be found in the abundance of earthly possessions but in the abundance of heavenly blessings. Everything the world seeks and offers is meaningless. The believer sets his heart on the treasure found in the fullness of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN, CW #492, "SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR"



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,
2 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us,
3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er
4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,

Source of life and truth and grace, Word made
King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the
In your Church's sa - cred fold, Weak and
So may we for oth - ers live. Free - ly

flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - ors
storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid
health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and
have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly

all our hu - man race, You our head,
cru - el dis - cords cease. By your pa -
joy - ful, young and old. Is there want
may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold

who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will
tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent
or pain or sor - row? Make us all the
and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of

ev - er plead: Fill us with your love and
hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered thirst for
bur - den share. Are there spir - its crushed and
land and sea; We but stew - ards of your

pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need.
plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain.
bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

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

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Let us confess before our God our failures, fears and weaknesses. Let us seek God's mercy and grace that we may be forgiven and live in peace.

C: God who cares for all, we confess that we are by nature sinful and alienated from you. We do not always love you with our whole heart. We do not care for ourselves, our neighbors, our nation or the earth as we ought. Forgive our failures to hear your Word, our failure to worship you regularly, our failure to appreciate the great gift of forgiveness that you have given us in the Church. Restore us as your people to live in the freedom of Christ our Savior!

ABSOLUTION

(The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" [The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?]. See John 20:21-23.)

M: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and for His sake, forgives us all our sins. 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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, we now praise the Lord!

C: (Sing CW #382, vs 1, 4)



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
 then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840–1901.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 2:18-26

The Teacher, King Solomon, had more riches and worldly pleasure than we can comprehend, but experience had taught him that they are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. True wealth, true value, true satisfaction only comes from the hand of God. If one seeks to find meaning in life, search no further than the wisdom and knowledge of God.

“Meaningless! Meaningless!”

says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless!

Everything is meaningless.”

I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great

*The Word of God

“The reading of the Lessons is a highlight of a service. The spiritually hungry have come to be fed and nurtured and to drink from the waters of life. Knowing that ‘faith comes from hearing the message,’ God’s people listen intently with attention aroused to be blessed by the hearing of God’s Word.” Christian Worship Manual

misfortune. ²²What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? ²³All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

²⁴A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? ²⁶To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 34*



Refrain

Taste and see that the LORD is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous*
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,*
and he delivers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**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: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

Paul tells us to get our mind on things above, not on earthy things like the man who built bigger barns or the teacher who chased the wind. Our old Adam has been buried with Christ, and the new man has been raised with Christ. The result is that our life his hidden with Christ in God.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia.

PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 12:13-21

Earthly wealth is meaningless. Jesus teaches us how foolish it is to think that life consists of what we have. By contrast, the life of faith is lived in joyful thanksgiving for both the temporal and eternal blessings that come from above. By faith, this, is being rich toward God- a life of thanksgiving for all that he has given us through Jesus Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN, CW #484, "BROTHERS, SISTERS, LET US GLADLY"



1 Broth-ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to
 2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, By the
 3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice For the



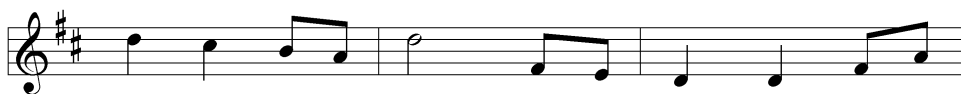
God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor-ough,
 gift of Christ, his Son, What great good - ness he has
 sake of Christ, your Son; Lo, our hope a - bides now



hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.
 shown us, What high mar - vels he has done!
 on - ly In the right - eous - ness he won.



All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our
 Let us to him prompt-ly, free - ly, Yield our
 Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to



time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -
 bod - ies and our souls, Thank - ful that his love pro -
 com - fort and re - store Till in heav'n we rest re -



vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.
 tects us, That his wis - dom all con - trols.
 joic - ing, Prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–72, alt.

Tune: NETTLETON (87 87 D) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813, alt.

THE SERMON TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 2:18-26.

SERMON THEME:

Invest in Eternity

THANKSGIVING

PLEASE STAND

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word.)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

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.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: O God, hear our prayer and pour out your Spirit that your Church may confess unceasingly and proclaim unwaveringly that Jesus is Lord to your glory.
- C: **By his bitter sufferings and death he redeemed us from all sin and now sits at the right hand of your power, having authority over all things in heaven and on earth.**
- M: Give all your servants such diverse spiritual gifts as are necessary to the witness and work of your Church that we may continually grow in faith, hope and love.
- C: **May the words of our Lord Jesus be taught daily in all homes, that both parents and children may increase in the knowledge of him who is the way, the truth and the life.**
- M: Bestow your favor on all useful labor in industry and agriculture, education and science, the professions and the arts, that in their advancement your people may be prospered. Look in mercy on the sick and the hurt, those who sorrow or mourn, the handicapped and the infirm, and hear their cry.
- C: **Let the healthful power of your love come to them that they may turn to you in praise and thanksgiving and bless your holy name.**

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

M: These and all other prayers, hear, O Lord, and grant for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, in whom are hidden all the treasures of heaven. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN, CW #485, "WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN"



1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus As stew -
 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes
 4 To com - fort and to bless, To find
 5 The cap - tives to re - lease, To God



the gift may be; All that we have is
 ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as thou
 are bare and cold, And lambs for whom the
 a balm for woe, To tend the lone and
 the lost to bring, To teach the way of



thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.
 bless - est us, To thee our first - fruits give.
 shep - herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.
 fa - ther - less, Is an - gels' work be - low.
 life and peace— It is a Christ - like thing.

6 And we believe thy Word
 Though dim our faith may be:
 Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
 We do it unto thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97.
 Tune: ENERGY (SM) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

PLEASE STAND

FINAL PRAYER

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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



BE SEATED

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.

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Announcements:

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Today we continue our Sunday morning Bible Study entitled, “***Agents of Grace***.” David was the greatest king of God's Old Testament people, the Israelites. Throughout his life, God used many people to mold David into the man and leader he came to be. This Bible study looks closely at those people, but also helps us focus on the people God brings into our lives for the same purpose. Join us at 9:25 for this interesting study.

Next Bible Information Class: Pastor Vann will be starting up the next Bible Information Class on Tuesday, August 27. The class will meet for 13 weeks from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This class is required for anyone who wishes to become a communicant member. This is a great review of the foundational truths of God's Word for those who are many years removed from Catechism Class. It is also a great way to invite a friend or neighbor to learn more about what the Bible says. If you are interested in attending this class or if you know of someone who is, just let Pastor Vann know.

Catechism Classes: It is that time of year for Catechism classes to start up again. At Northdale Lutheran, Catechism instruction is for all students in 6-8th grade and is required for a young person to be confirmed and become a communicant member of our congregation. Those students who attend our Lutheran School receive their instruction during the school day. For all those children who do not attend our school, Catechism will be offered on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. These classes will begin on Wednesday, August 28. If your child will be attending this class, please speak to Pastor Vann to let him know so that he knows how many books to order for the class.

Audio Visual Help: We are looking for some people who are interested in helping us in worship by running the Livestream. We will be doing some training and putting a schedule together in the near future. If you are interested in helping, please talk with Chris Teeple or me. Starting this summer, we will also have to reintroduce Hymnsoft into our worship services. We will be looking for people willing to help with this as well.

Called Staff

Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven: 813-787-4854

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This Week:

Monday (8/26): 6:30pm Ministry Leadership Team
Tuesday (8/27): 6:30pm Bible Information Class
Wednesday (8/28): 6:30pm Catechism
Sunday (9/1): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship
9:25am – Adult Bible Study
11:30am - Fellowship

Serving Today

Music: Dane Mattes
Ushers: 8:00—Mike Kutsch
10:30—Tom/Ona Scherer
Acolyte: 8:00—Julia Busch
10:30—Aryssa Kingsborough
Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music:
Ushers: 8:00—Mike Kutsch
10:30—Tom/Ona Scherer
Acolyte: 8:00—Mateo Amaya
10:30—Micah Vanniewenhoven
Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.—28
10:30 a.m.—78
Total: 106
Yearly Average: 103
% of Members in Worship: 44%

Financial Information

Contributions for 8/11: \$2,554.05
Online Contributions through 8/11: \$1,380.00
Contributions budgeted: \$4,423.08
Contributions budgeted to date: \$30,961.56
Contributions received to date: \$22,394.05
Ahead or (Short) through 8/11/19: (\$8,567.51)

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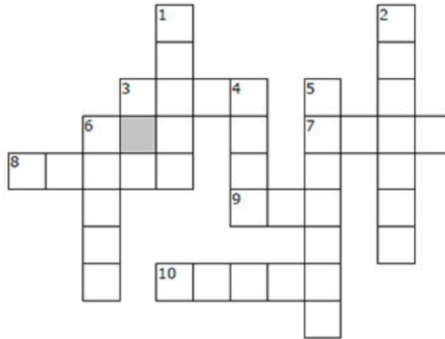
The Parable of the Rich Fool

Crossword

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. One who acts unwisely
7. Having great material wealth
8. Large farm buildings used for storing farm products and sheltering livestock
9. To take food into the body through the mouth
10. An official who decides cases brought before a court of law

DOWN

1. Agricultural products, such as grain, vegetables, or fruit
2. A person who educates or gives instruction
4. The period of time between birth and death
5. A male having the same parent or parents as another
6. To take liquid into the mouth and swallow

rich	judge	crops	brother	barns
life	eat	fool	teacher	drink

Greedy Farmer

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