



NORTHDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH TAMPA, FL SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

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 TWELFTH 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.

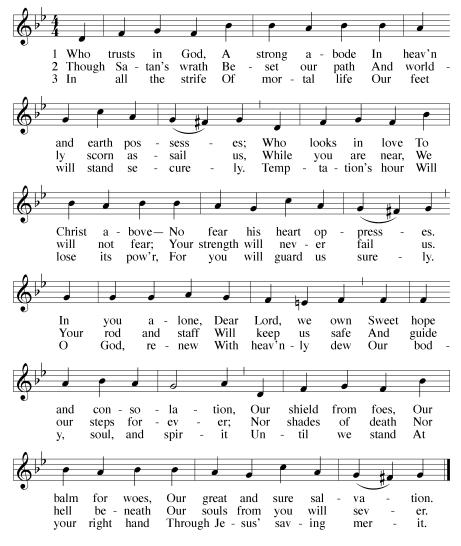
WORSHIP THEME

True treasure is faith in the promises of God—no matter how difficult they seem to be.

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 #447, "WHO TRUSTS IN GOD, A STRONG ABODE"



Joachim Magdeburg, c. 1525-after 1583, st. 1; Harmonia cantionum, Leipzig, 1597, st. 2-3; tr. Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1804–89, alt.
Tune: WAS MEIN GOTT WILL (447 447 D Iambie) Claude de Sermisy, c. 1490–1562, alt.

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.

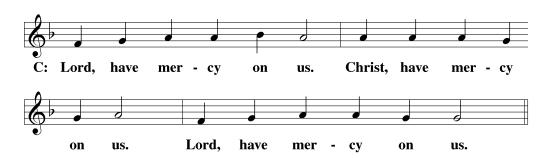
CONFESSION OF SINS

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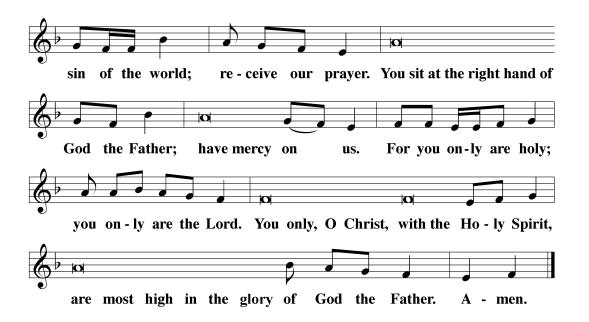
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear then we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 15:1-6

Certain again of that he could only see by faith, Abraham looked forward to the fulfillment of the Lord's promise to bless him with the seeming impossibility of a son.

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,

your very great reward."

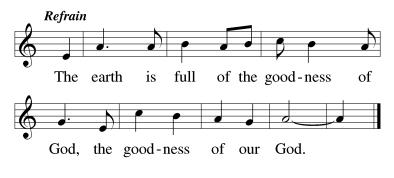
²But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

⁴Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." ⁵He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.



THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 33





Refrain

The earth is full of the goodness of God, the goodness of our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you <u>right</u>eous;* it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is <u>right</u> and true;* he is faithful in all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the <u>heavens</u> made,* their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it <u>came</u> to be;*
he commanded, and it stood firm

Refrain

The LORD foils the plans of the <u>nations</u>;* he thwarts the purposes of the <u>peoples</u>.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm for<u>ev</u>er,* the purposes of his heart through all generations.

The LORD loves righteousness and <u>justice</u>;* the earth is full of his unfailing love.

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: REVELATION 3:1-6

Using the life of Abraham as an example, the writer to the Hebrews encourages faithful living that looks forward to the fulfilled promises to us the same heavenly country, the same eternal city prepared for the faithful.

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. ³Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

⁴ Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. ⁶Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.



PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 12:32-40

Setting aside the decaying decadence of the world, the flock has nothing to fear, for God has promised that he has already given us the kingdom. Trusting that promise of God brings real treasure and a deep longing for Christ to come.

M: The Gospel Lesson from Luke, chapter 12.



"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁹When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

³⁵"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



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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 #472, "RISE, MY SOUL, TO WATCH AND PRAY"



Text: Johann B. Freystein, 1671–1718, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: STRAF MICH NICHT (76 76 33 66) *Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien*, Dresden, 1694, alt.

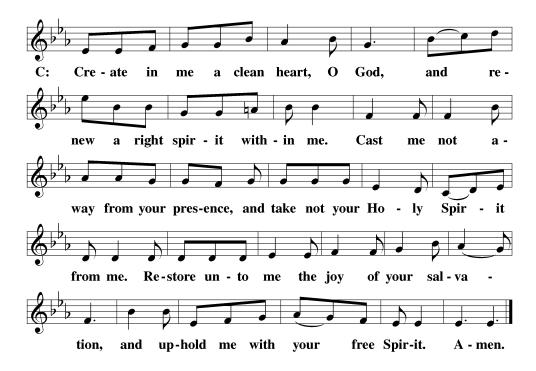
SERMON TEXT: REVELATION 3:1-6

SERMON THEME:

What Would Jesus Write About Us?

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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ADULT CONFIRMATION (10:30 A.M. SERVICE)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.
- C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.
- M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.
- C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.
- M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.
- C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.
- M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.
- C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

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LORD'S PRAYER

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.



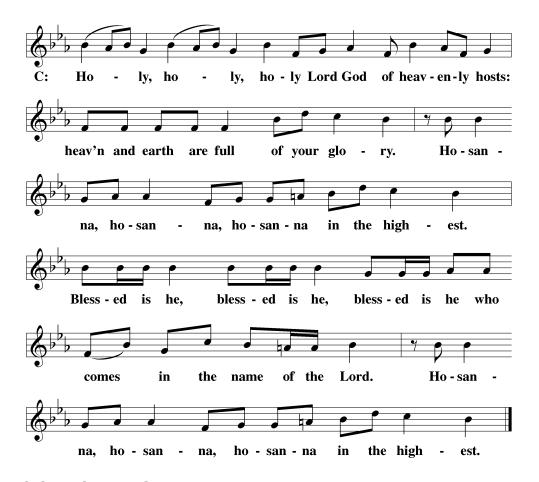
M: Lift up your hearts.



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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



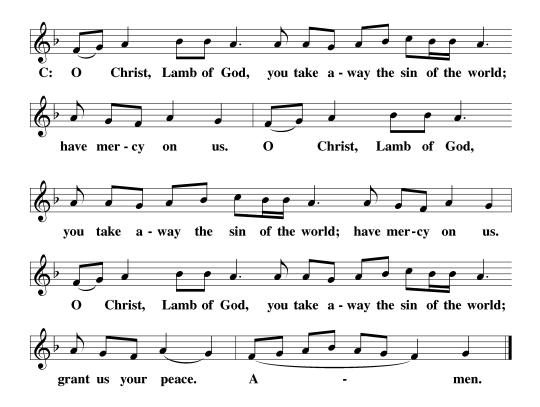
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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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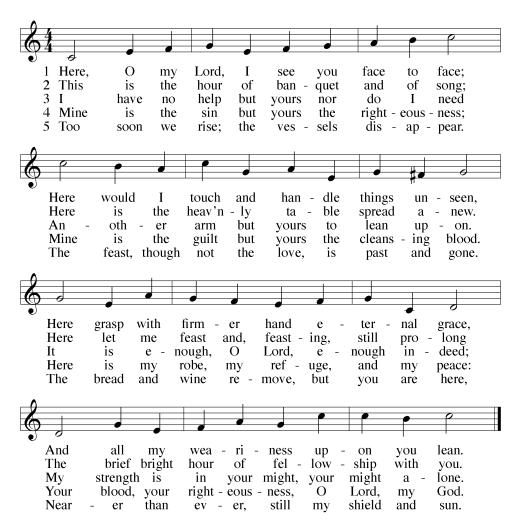
DISTRIBUTION

(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 #315. "HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE YOU FACE TO FACE"

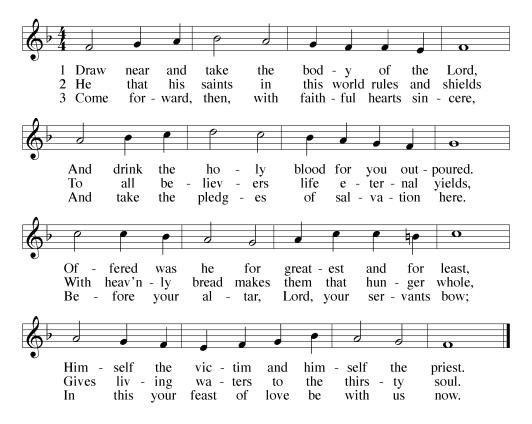


6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, abr., alt.

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595–1662.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN, CW #309, "DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD"



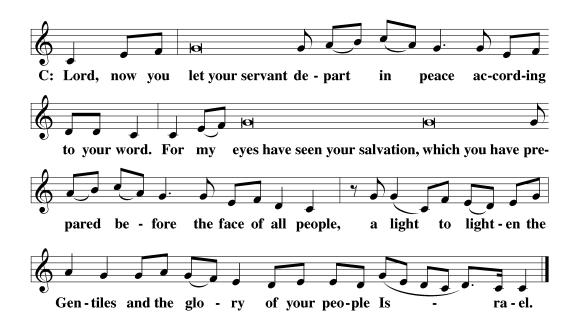
Text: Latin hymn, 7th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: OLD 124TH (10 10 10 10) Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, alt.

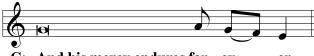
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SONG OF SIMEON

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



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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.



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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



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.

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.

Women's Bible Study: We have a special Women's Bible Study that meets once a month. This is a great time for our ladies to get to know one another and grow together as they study God's Word. They meet the first Sunday of every month at 12:00 noon after the Sunday Service. They have been studying through the book, Prepared to Answer, which helps to equip people to answer those hard questions that friends and neighbors often ask. Amy Vannieuwenhoven leads this class. We'd love to see this group grow as they begin meeting again. So I encourage all of the ladies to consider participating in this fun, growth group.

Sunday School Starts Next Week: We are ready to kick off our Sunday School next Sunday, September 8. Sunday School is for all children starting at age 3. We meet in the school building and start with a joint devotion in the K-2 classroom. No pre-registration is required. Just show up on the first day! We start the devotion at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday. Teens also meet in the school building with a class led by Chris Haring and/or Amy Vannieuwenhoven. Parents can then join us for the Adult Bible Study which meets in the overflow room of the church building at 9:25 a.m. The way that we grow in our faith is by hearing and studying God's word. Sunday School and Bible Study are essential for our spiritual walk with God. I encourage you to join us for these opportunities to grow in your faith and in the grace and knowledge of God.

Office Closed on Monday: Since this Monday we celebrate the national holiday of Labor Day, our office will be closed on that day. If you need emergency pastoral service, you can reach Pastor Vann at his cell phone number below.

Youth Group: There will be a carwash fundraiser October 13th after the second service. Youth fifth grade and up (and parents) should plan to bring a change of clothes and buckets/rags. Proceeds will benefit upcoming events/rallies. November 15th is a S'mores/Campfire/Movie Night at church. Please contact Amy Vann if you would like to contribute. Also, youth Bible Study will be studying Creation through the Flood. If you are interested in helping lead this course in a rotation once a month or every other month, please contact Chris Haring or Amy Vann.

Recruitment Team

We would like to become more active in recruiting students for our school, so we are starting a Recruitment Team. We are looking for people who are interested in helping to grow and promote our school to people in our community. We would like to do this promotion through various avenues and are looking for people who would help us to do this. If you are interested in participating in this Recruitment Team to help increase the number of students in our school, please contact our principal, Dane Mattes at dane.mattes@northdalelutheran.org.

Congregational Annual Meeting

At its meeting on Monday evening, the Ministry Leadership Team set the meeting date for our Annual Meeting for Sunday, September 15 after the 10:30 a.m. service. At this meeting, we will also be approving the financial plan (budget) for the fiscal year of 2019-2020. We are operating on a very slim amount in our operating fund currently due to a smaller than anticipated enrollment in our school and a decrease in congregational giving. So some very hard decisions had to be made which resulted in some very difficult cuts to our budget for this year. It is important that everyone of our members be present for this meeting. We are seeking your input and help for ways to correct this situation and for ideas to help us move forward. This is very important for the financial health of our church and school. Please set aside time to join us for this important meeting. We appreciate your support and help as we continue to aggressively proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus to our community.

Called Staff

Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven: 813-787-4854

Principal Dane Mattes: 920-588-7599

Aimee Hardman: 813-464-5113 Christopher Haring: 517-202-7283

Joanne Mattes: 920-588-7596 Bethany Schwartz: 920-222-9279

Amy Vannieuwenhoven: 813-787-5025

This Week:

Tuesday (9/3): 6:30pm - Bible Information Class

Wednesday (9/4): 6:30pm - Catechism

Thursday (9/5): 6:30pm - Evenings with Pastor

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

9:15am - Sunday School 9:25am - Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:00—Rachel Wilson Music: 8:00—Amy Vannieuwenhoven

10:30—Nick Koren 10:30—Aiden/Jeff Berg

Ushers: 8:00—Mike Kutsch Ushers: 8:00—Mike Laurin

10:30 — Tom & Ona Scherer 10:30 — Chris Haring & Diane Chalski

Acolyte: 8:00—Julia Busch Acolyte: 8:00—Mateo Amaya

10:30—Aryssa Kingsborough 10:30—Micha Vannieuwenhoven

Elder: David Mosakowski Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m. – 26 10:30 a.m. – 55

Total: 81

Yearly Average: 103

% of Members in Worship: 43%

Financial Information

Contributions for 8/25: \$5,243.00

Online Contributions through 8/25: \$1,045.00 Contributions budgeted per week: \$4,423.08 Contributions budgeted to date: \$35,384.64 Contributions received to date: \$28,682.05 Ahead or (Short) through 8/25/19: (\$6,702.59)

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

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

Received Last Week: \$355.00 Total received to date: \$311,353.72 Projected Completion date: March 2020