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

## THANKSGIVING EVE

**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

We give praise to God from whom all blessings flow. God is the giver of all things. He will always provide for all of our needs.

# CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN, CW #609, "WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER"



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor!  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fath - ers; we bless you.  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer;



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring:  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been;  
To you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is be - side us.



We bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
And with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.  
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - e'er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

Tune: KREMSEER (12 11 12 11) *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, Haarlem, 1626.

PLEASE STAND

## INVOCATION

*(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)*

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

C: Amen.

## A DIALOGUE OF THANKSGIVING

- M: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it;
- C: **for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.**  
*(Psalm 24:1-2)*
- M: God said [to Adam and Eve], "I give you every seed bearing plant on the face of the whole earth
- C: **and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.**  
*(Genesis 1:29)*
- M: [Your Father in heaven] causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good,
- C: **and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.** *(Matthew 5:45)*
- M: Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Everything that lives and moves will be food for you.
- C: **Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.**  
*(Genesis 9:1-3)*
- M: So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" Or "What shall we drink?" Or "What shall we wear?"
- C: **For the pagans run after all these things and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.** *(Matthew 6:31-32)*
- M: The eyes of all look to you, O LORD, and you give them their food at the proper time.
- C: **You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.** *(Psalm 145:15-16)*
- M: On this Thanksgiving Eve, as we thank our heavenly Father for all the many blessings he has bestowed upon us, we must admit that we have not always lived lives of thankfulness and praise. We have overlooked the blessings of God, grumbled and complained, and acted in ways that do not reflect our thankfulness for God's tremendous blessings. Let us now approach our heavenly Father with true hearts and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus to forgive us.
- 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.**

**M:** Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained 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. Go in peace and spend your days in living thanks.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

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

**C:** **Sing CW #260, "Let All Things Now Living"**

1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing  
2 His law he en - fore - es; The stars in their cours - es

To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
And sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine.

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
The deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us,  
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing.

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,  
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
"To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen

*BE SEATED*

# THE WORD OF GOD\*



## THE FIRST LESSON: I KINGS 17:7-16

*The Lord miraculously supplied the widow and her son with flour and oil to sustain their lives.*

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. <sup>8</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to him: <sup>9</sup>“Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” <sup>10</sup>So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

<sup>12</sup>“As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”

<sup>15</sup>She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup>For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

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### \*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*

# HYMN OF PRAISE, CW #615, "WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR BLESSINGS

1 We thank you for your bless - ings, Al - might - y  
 2 This day of great thanks - giv - ing We count them  
 3 But best of all your bless - ings, The rain - bow

Lord, our King; We thank you for the har - vests,  
 one by one; Our free and fruit - ful coun - try,  
 of your love, Are all the man - y mer - cies

Yes, Lord, for ev - 'ry - thing: For flow'rs that bloom in  
 The great things you have done, Our fam - i - ly, our  
 Your Word brings from a - bove. Our life now has full

spring - time, For rip - 'ning fruit and grain, For  
 loved ones, The guard - ian an - gels' care, Our  
 mean - ing— Christ Je - sus is our God! Thanks -

all the pre - cious sun - shine, And for the gen - tle rain.  
 ver - y self and heart - beat—Lord, hear our thank - ful prayer!  
 giv - ing shall be liv - ing The way the Sav - ior trod.

Text: Unknown, alt.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzogl . . . Hofkapelle*, Württemberg, 1784, alt.



## THE SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 4:10-20

*No matter what they were—times of want or times of plenty—God always met Paul's needs. We can be content and at peace confident our God will always provide for our needs.*

<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup>I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup>I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

<sup>14</sup>Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup>Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup>for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup>Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup>I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup>To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



# SERMON HYMN, CW #610, "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and  
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our  
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther



hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,  
life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts  
now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns



In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our  
And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us  
With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -



moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With  
in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And  
ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For



count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
free us from all ills In this world and the next.  
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT (67 67 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

## SERMON TEXT: LUKE 9:10-17

When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, <sup>11</sup>but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

<sup>12</sup>Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.”

<sup>13</sup>He replied, “You give them something to eat.”

They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.” <sup>14</sup>(About five thousand men were there.)

But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” <sup>15</sup>The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. <sup>16</sup>Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. <sup>17</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

## SERMON THEME:

### *The Lord Always Provides*



# THANKSGIVING

*PLEASE STAND*

## **THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED AND EXPLANATION FROM LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM**

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

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

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.**

**And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.**

**All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*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.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious and merciful Lord, Your gifts are new each day. We are grateful for the gifts You provide through Your creation and continued work in our lives. Lord, we pray to you...

**C: in living thanks.**

M: Almighty God, bless and prosper the harvest of our land. Provide health and strength to the crops along with favorable weather for their sustenance. Father, we ask that You would grant wisdom to the farmers who tend the land and bring blessings to their work. Lord, we pray to you...

**C: in living thanks.**

M: O Father, You have placed us in a land of plenty. Help us constantly to remember that all we have comes from Your hand. Remind us of the great need to share our blessings with our neighbors. Lord, we pray to you...

**C: in living thanks.**

M: Heavenly Father, protect and defend those You have called to protect and defend others. Place Your hand of blessing upon all government leaders that they may faithfully fulfill their vocations. Provide peace throughout our land. Send Your holy angels to protect police, firefighters, military personnel and all other public servants. Lord, we pray to you...

**C: in living thanks.**

M: O Lord, promote health and healing according to Your good and gracious will. Be with all who are sick, suffering or hospitalized. You alone bless Your children with health and You alone have the power to restore health. Lord, we pray to you...

**C: in living thanks.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious God, You are the author of all blessings. Help us to remember what You have done for us through Christ Jesus. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that our lives might be transformed into lives of living thanks. In your precious name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

(SUNG TO THE TUNE OF "O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST," CW 441)

**Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne, most holy be your name  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth—in heav'n the same.**

**Give us this day the food we need; forgiven may we be;  
Into temptation do not lead from evil set us free.**

**All rule and might and glory be to you while ages run  
And even to eternity. Amen. So be it done**

## FINAL PRAYER

M: Lord of seedtime and harvest, we thank you for the blessings you grant to the earth in each season. We rejoice in the wonderful richness of the land and in the astounding variety of food it produces to delight and satisfy us. We ask for one more thing, the willingness to share our blessings, so that all the earth can rejoice in your generosity. As we have been strengthened through your Word tonight and reminded of your goodness to us, now motivate us to be generous with all you have given to us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, 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



**FINAL HYMN, CW #614, "SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST"**

1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest; Sing songs of  
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness; The des - erts  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts his  
love and praise. With joy - ful hearts and voic - es  
bloom and spring. The hills leap up in glad - ness;  
good - ness gave, The gold - en sheaves of har - vest,  
Your al - le - lu - ias raise. By him the roll - ing  
The val - leys laugh and sing. God fills them with his  
The souls Christ died to save. Your hearts lay down be -  
sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move; Sing to the  
full - ness, All things with large in - crease; He crowns the  
fore him When at his feet you fall, And with your  
Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.  
year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.  
lives a - dore him Who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, abr., alt.

Tune: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN (76 76 D) Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613.

*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](http://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](mailto:pastor@northdalelutheran.org) and let him know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.*

# Announcements:

**Thank You from Your Called Staff:** Your called staff of pastor and teachers and their families send along their wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving for all of you. We consider it a great pleasure to serve on your behalf here at Northdale Lutheran Church and School. We thank God for giving us such wonderful people to serve and to serve with. We pray that God would continue to shower his blessings upon you.

**Food Drive:** Throughout the month of November and into December, we will be gathering food to donate to Metropolitan Ministries to help those who are less fortunate than us. This is a great way for us to display our thanks to God and serve others out of love. Please bring in your donations of canned goods and non-perishable foods and set them on the table in the entryway throughout this month. Thanks in advance for your generous donations.

**Church Decorating Party:** It is time again to decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas season. We will meet this Saturday morning, November 30 to put up our decorations. We will also have a chili dump for lunch. So everyone is invited to bring some of their best chili with them. We'll dump them all together in a roaster and enjoy some lunch fellowship when everything is taken care of. We will start at 10:00 a.m. We'd love to have you join us.

**Mid-Week Advent Worship:** We have the opportunity to gather for a special mid-week Advent worship service on Wednesday, December 11. We will worship at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to take a few moments during a busy season to pause and reflect on the goodness of our God as we prepare for his second coming. Join us!

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## This Week:

Sunday (12/1):      8:00 & 10:30am - Worship  
                             9:15am – Teen Bible Study and Sunday School for Children  
                             9:25am – Adult Bible Study  
                             11:30am - Fellowship



## Serving Today

Music: Chris Haring

Ushers: Chris Teeples and Ryan Cunill

Acolyte: Micah Vannieuwenhoven

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