



# ADVENT



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

## MIDWEEK ADVENT

**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

Hope can be fickle. Hope can disappoint. Hope can be misplaced. Yet Advent is all about hope. It proclaims the God who is both the supplier and source of hope. This God who is the author and supplier of hope is the one who fills us with joy and peace.



# CALL TO WORSHIP

## EVENING PRAYER “SERVICE OF LIGHT”

*EVENING PRAYER IS BASED ON THE HISTORIC SERVICE CALLED “VESPERS”. CHRISTIANS GATHER AT THE END OF THE DAY TO RAISE THEIR VOICES IN THANKFUL PRAISE AND PRAYERS. THE “SERVICE OF LIGHT” PORTRAYS THE COMFORTING AND EVER-PRESENT LIGHT OF CHRIST AS THE DAYLIGHT DISAPPEARS.*

PLEASE STAND

- M: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.  
C: **The Light no darkness can overcome.**  
M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening.  
C: **And the day is almost over.**  
M: Be our light and scatter the darkness.  
C: **And hear our evening hymn of praise.**



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of

Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through

blest is he, And blest are you, his on - ly Son.  
Spir - it: God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

## LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

PSALM 141

C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing  
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I  
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight, O Lord. Come and help us in time of need, that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

## THE WORD OF GOD



### LESSON: LAMENTATIONS 3:19-26

*Despite the sin and chaos around us and in us, we wait patiently in hope of the salvation of our God.*

I remember my affliction and my wandering,  
the bitterness and the gall.

<sup>20</sup>I well remember them,  
and my soul is downcast within me.

<sup>21</sup>Yet this I call to mind  
and therefore I have hope:

<sup>22</sup>Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.

<sup>23</sup>They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him."

<sup>25</sup>The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him,  
to the one who seeks him;

<sup>26</sup>it is good to wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

# SERMON HYMN, CWS #704 "LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING"

1 Lo, he comes with clouds de -  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be -  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his  
 4 Yea, A - men, let all a -

scend - ing, Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner  
 hold him Robed in glo - rious maj - es -  
 pas - sion Still his daz - zling bod - y  
 dore you High on your e - ter - nal

slain. Thou - sand, thou - sand  
 ty; Those who ri - di -  
 bears, Cause of end - less  
 throne. Ev - 'ry knee shall

saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph  
 culed and sold him, Pierced and nailed him  
 ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed  
 bow be - fore you; Come and take your

of his train. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing,  
 wor - ship - ers. With what won - der,  
 peo - ple home! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Deep - ly wail - ing, Deep - ly wail - ing,  
 With what won - der, With what won - der,  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ re - veals his end - less reign.  
 Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 Gaze we on those glo - rious scars.  
 You shall reign and you a - lone!

*This glorious Advent hymn by Charles Wesley is set to its traditional English tune, HELMSLEY.*

## THE SERMON TEXT: ROMANS 15:4-6

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup>May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup>so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## SERMON THEME:

***You Have Hope***

**THANKSGIVING**

*PLEASE STAND*

## 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.*

# LORD, HAVE MERCY

## *Kyrie*

**M:** In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

**M:** For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**M:** For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**M:** For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



**C:** Thanks be to God.

**M:** In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



**C:** A - men.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** 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.

## PRAYER

**M:** O God, you make us glad with the expectation of the coming of your one and only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who with joy receive him as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he will come to be our Judge, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen

## SONG OF SIMEON



**C:** In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry



peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## **BLESSING**

**M:** Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good, render to no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son (†), and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C:** **Amen**

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## **Serving Today**

Music: 2:00-Chris Haring

6:30-Aiden Berg

Ushers: 2:00—

6:30 —Chris Teeples

Elder: David Mosakowski

