



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

THE FIFTH 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

Let your light shine! Jesus tells us: You are... so be. Our calling as sons of God means our lives will reflect our new status, and the world around us will be blessed by us.

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING SONG, "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness- take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

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

M: We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Since we are assembled to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer, let us consider our unworthiness, confess our sin before God, and call upon him for forgiveness and restoration.

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

C: **O Lord, who could stand?**

M: But with you there is forgiveness;

C: **Therefore you are feared.**

CONFESSION

All: I confess to you, Almighty God, that I have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by my own fault. I have not loved you above all things nor have I loved my neighbor as myself. But I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray for your forgiveness and the mercy you have promised in Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for my sin. Grant me the aid of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

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". 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.

SONG OF PRAISE, "PRODIGAL SON"

CHRIS WILL SING THE SONG AND THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO JOIN IN THE REFRAIN:

I'm a prodigal son in a distant land,
Wasting my father's gifts as fast as I can.
The world's so conditional, well, it made me a slave.
Now my heart is empty of the love that I've craved.

***Refrain: Father, forgive me. I know what I've done.
Please, open your arms to this prodigal son.***

I've been chasing the wind, trying to win the prize
Of the money and the power, that look in a woman's eyes,
Lavish consumption of everything till I bust,
With no distinction between love and lust.

***Refrain: Father, forgive me. I know what I've done.
Please, open your arms to this prodigal son.***

I'm a boat on the ocean tryin' not to drown.
Any little thing can bring me up or knock me down.
I've squandered it all, I'm empty and I'm left for dead-
A broken man of the world. I want to be your man instead.

Refrain: Father, forgive me. I know what I've done.

Please, open your arms to this prodigal son.

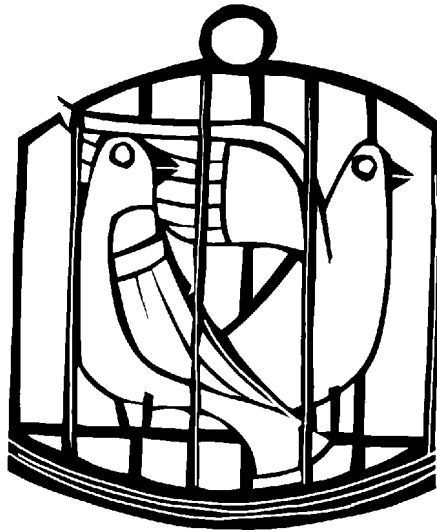
PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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: ISAIAH 58:5-9A

Proof of repentance doesn't consist in the form of their fast but in the deeds of their faith. In the same way merely going through the motions of faith in Christ is not an acceptable substitute for a true change of heart. Real repentance leads to fruits—living as salt and light.

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,
only a day for people to humble themselves?

Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed
and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?

Is that what you call a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

⁸Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

⁹Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

*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

SONG, *MODERN EVANGELIST*

Man, you know it's hard to be a modern evangelist-
So many hard people with hard hearts to win.
But God's got the answers to all the hard questions,
Like, how did the universe ever begin?

When a scientist looks in an electron microscope
At a simple little blade of grass,
He'll explain photosynthesis in lots of detail.
If you ask him how, he'll say it just came to pass.

He'll say amazing things like this just happened.
Simple stuff got more complicated.
It's 'cause everything sat around for millions of years-
That's how the world became populated

With animals and bees and plants and trees,
Clouds and rainbows and the northern lights,
Mathematics and music, brains and eyeballs,
Glaciers and whales, a butterfly in flight.

When you don't allow for a God of creation
You're stuck with crazy theories like this.
It makes really smart people have fuzzy thinking.
They have to make ignorance sound like bliss.

And all those folks who study biology,
Astounded at the wonders of the world they see-
Why don't they recognize the God of eternity,
Praising his name as they fall to their knees?

God is greater than human thinking.
His thoughts and ways are higher than ours.
He says, "Where were you, little man, when I made the mountains?
Where were you when angels sang with the stars?" ("Where were YOU?")

It's rough to be a modern evangelist
And this might come as a big surprise,
But when folks consider the need for a Savior
They want to close their minds and their eyes.

It's an awful thing to think I might be sinful.
I'd rather believe I've got good qualities.
I'd rather think I'm not so bad,

Rather look at all the folks that are worse than me.

Sure I'm greedy but at least I'm not lazy.

Maybe I'm a drunk but I didn't beat my wife.

OK, I'm lustful, but not criminal or crazy.

I cheat on my taxes, but so does everybody else in life. (They ALL do it!)

But God demands that we be holy.

We break part of his law - we broke it all.

God says sin earns death in wages.

Every human rescue will stumble and fall.

So folks invent a god of their choosing.

That way they can kind of stay on top.

They just make up a god that doesn't punish

Or make 'em feel guilty or tell 'em to stop.

Lying, hating, desiring, sneaking-

Questionable internet surfing at night-

Children in need while you gamble with your money-

"Well, you can't judge me, so that makes it all right."

(Don't judge me! You know, judge not!)

Man, you know it's tough to be a modern evangelist.

You wouldn't think it would be that way,

But people don't seem to want the gift we offer-

Eternal life for the future and peace for today.

Even though Jesus is the perfect hero.

All earthly heroes have feet of clay.

He outscored Satan by everything to zero,

Won heaven for all by taking sin away.

The shrinks say we need more self-esteem,

But thinking more of myself makes trouble and strife.

Navel-gazing just makes it worse.

We need better medicine for the pain in life!

But, hey, you wanna talk about self-esteem? Y

ou've got it in faith in Jesus Christ.

He thinks of us all so incredibly highly,

He loved us so much - he laid down his life.

So, why do so many say "no" to heaven

When God wants every single soul to come home?
The devil is strong, Father help me keep singing
How you sent your Son to die and atone.

Until I'm singing with the choir around the throne,
Telling everybody, "Let Christ be known!"
Just keep on going...
Until I'm gone.

THE SECOND LESSON: I CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

Paul's messaged preaching didn't display his own works or power, but the Spirit's. Our lives as salt and light always point not to self but to Christ that faith might rest not on men, but on God.

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia. (John 8:12)

PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 5:13-20

This lesson serves as the Sermon Text for today.

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its

stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN, “AMAZING GRACE”

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound-
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

T’was grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
It was grace that brought me safe this far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.

SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 5:13-20

SERMON THEME:

You Make A Difference

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF RESPONSE, "BECAUSE MY FATHER LOVES ME"

(Chris will sing the words of this song. The Congregation is invited to join in the refrain)

My Father made the universe because my Father loves me.
He created all the stars and moon because my Father loves me.
There's a room for me in heaven-I'm surely in his heart
And some day he'll take me home because my Father loves me.

**Chorus: God three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son
All one God and
He loves me, he loves me.**

My Jesus died to save me because my Jesus loves me.
He kept the law perfectly because my Jesus loves me.
He fought to the death with Satan And won the victory
Then he rose from the dead because my Jesus loves me.

**Chorus: God three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son
All one God and
He loves me, he loves me.**

The Spirit wrote the Bible because the Spirit loves me.
He told Moses what to say because the Spirit loves me.
He told Paul what to write. And every word is true.
He helps me to believe it because the Spirit loves me.

**Chorus: God three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son
All one God and
He loves me, he loves me.**

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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 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: Dear Father in heaven, with your gift of a Savior you restored hope for our fallen world and brought glory to your name. We thank you for the good news that you have reconciled the world to yourself through your Son.

C: Be with us as you give us opportunities to proclaim your glorious name of salvation in Jesus Christ our Savior.

M: O Jesus, Lamb of God, we praise you for offering yourself as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of all. On the cross you declared the sacrifice for sins completed. At the open tomb, you assured the world that sinners are reconciled to God.

C: Be with us as you have promised, so that we may be bold and confident witnesses to our family members and friends.

M: Holy Spirit, blessed Counselor, use your Word of Truth and power to break down the barriers to our witness, including fallen mankind's natural hatred for God and Satan's wicked work among us.

C: Empower us by your gospel, and encourage us to be faithful, fervent witnesses to the people among whom we live and work.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, send us by the power of your Word into the mission fields beyond the walls of our church. Give us hearing ears and seeing eyes that seize the opportunities you set before us to be your witnesses.
- C: **Guide us, strengthen us, and bless us as we declare Christ to our world. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- All: **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

CLOSING SONG, "GOOD SHEPHERD"

I've lived most all my life
Got something to say.
I can't believe I'm 63,
can't believe the mess I made. What I stole, now, the lies I told, now-
So many mistakes.
But he saved me, Jesus saved me.
He says, "Don't be afraid."

**Chorus 1: I am the good shepherd. You're never outta my sight.
I am the good, good shepherd. I'll guard you with my life."**

I know him, I know his voice,
I know what he paid.
He's not some old hired hand, here for a day.
When the wolves run, when the rains come, I know he will stay.
He never leaves me, will never leave me.

He listens when I pray

**Chorus 2: To the good shepherd. I'm never outta his sight.
He is the good, good shepherd, Guards me with his life.**

I know the day is coming soon.

He's gonna gather us in.

The Holy City will be coming down As heaven begins.

He redeemed me, yeah he freed me Gave his all for my sin.

And he reigns now, Jesus reigns now. I'll walk the shining streets with him.

**Chorus 3: Walking with the good shepherd. I'm never outta his sight.
He is the good, good shepherd, Guards me with his life.**

**Chorus 4: He says, "I am the good shepherd. You're never outta my sight.
I am the good, good shepherd. I'll guard you with my life."**

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.

C: Amen

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

C: Amen

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.

Hello! I'm Chris Driesbach!

I'm a member of Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Madison, Alabama and during the last twelve years I've been on many musical tours, playing for worship and concerts at over 775 WELS and ELS churches in 41 states from Fairbanks, Alaska to Cape Coral, Florida. My songs are all original Christian music and I love to tell the story of the Spirit's powerful work in my stubborn and unbelieving heart.

I played music professionally for 30 years on the west coast. I was an atheist until age 33, and after that sort of a new-age spiritualist. 9 years later I became a Lutheran and a Christian at the same time in 1995. Faith Lutheran Church and Pastor James Oldfield in Anchorage, Alaska were my first church and pastor. We went through a 22-week Bible study course together. Pastor Oldfield read to me out of the Bible when I asked him all of the hardest questions I could think of and after 6 weeks of his class I was given the gift of faith by the Spirit working through God's Word. My life completely changed, of course!

I've been writing Christian songs for the last 14 years, including a song about my personal experience with hurricane Katrina. I have recorded 8 Christian CDs: "Lifted" in 2006 and 2007, "Feed Your Faith" in 2008, "Let Christ Be Known" 2009, a collection of hymns also in 2009, "Jesus Is the Man!" finished in October 2010, "One Cross, Three Nails" done in July 2012, "Jesus Wins!" December 2016 and my new one "Hymns With Friends" finished September 2018.

I have a deep desire to go sing my songs and tell the happy story about Jesus and meet and worship with my brothers and sisters around the USA. This thing God is letting me do is a dream come true for me!

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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.

Chris Dreisbach: 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.

Chris Haring Deliberates Call: 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.

Moms and Tots: The next Moms and Tots session begins this Tuesday. They will meet every Tuesday through April 7 at 9:30 a.m. Registration is available at the website: www.northdalelutheran.org. If you have any questions, you can ask Mary Mosakowski or Angel Allan.

Family Day at the Park: Our first Family Day at the park went so well, we are going to try another one! On Sunday, February 23, we invite everyone to join us after worship at the Northdale Civic Park, located just a 1/2 block south of the church. Bring a change of clothes and your lunch and we'll all have a good time letting the kids play at the park while the adults enjoy fellowship together. Put it on your calendars and plan to join us for this.

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This Week:

Monday (2/10): 6:30pm - Evangelism
 7:30pm - New Members Team

Tuesday (2/11): 6:30pm - Bible Information Class

Wednesday (2/12): 6:30pm - Confirmation

Sunday (2/16): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship
 9:15am – Teen Bible Study
 9:25am – Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: Chris Driesbach
Ushers: 8:00— Brian Busch
 10:30— Joe Picone & Kim Schacker
Acolyte: 8:00— Sean Corrigan
 10:30— Nicholas Koestler
Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: Dane Mattes
Ushers: 8:00— Brian Busch
 10:30 — Joe Picone & Kim Schacker
Acolyte: 8:00— Daniel Busch
 10:30— Carolyn Mattes
Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m. —26
10:30 a.m.—102
Total: 128
Yearly Average: 105
% of Members in Worship: 42%

Financial Information

Contributions for 2/2: \$1,985.25

Contributions online through 2/2: \$2,950.00

Contributions budgeted: \$4,423.08

Contributions budgeted to date: \$137,115.48

Contributions received to date: \$143,448.36

Ahead or (Short) through 2/2/20: \$6,332.88

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: \$638.00

Total received to date: \$338,038.41

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

Kids Page

Plugged In and Turned On

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)



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WORLD	CITY	MEN	HIDDEN	SHINE
PRAISE	HOUSE	FATHER	HILL	STAND