



NORTHDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH TAMPA, FL FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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

Jesus appears in glory as the Son of God. The Epiphany season is bookended by the voice of God the Father proclaiming Jesus his Son. Before he suffered as man's substitute, Jesus gave his Church a glimpse of the glory that he set aside to be our Savior. See how much he loves us! The God of Mt. Sinai, the Majestic Glory, became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold. It's good that we are here.

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN, CWS #712, "JESUS, TAKE US TO THE MOUNTAIN



The hymn writer reminds us that the glimpse of glory seen in Jesus' transfiguration foreshadows the ultimate glory of Christ displayed at Calvary, hidden under the cross.

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INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind 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: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve eternal punishment. Because of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

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.)

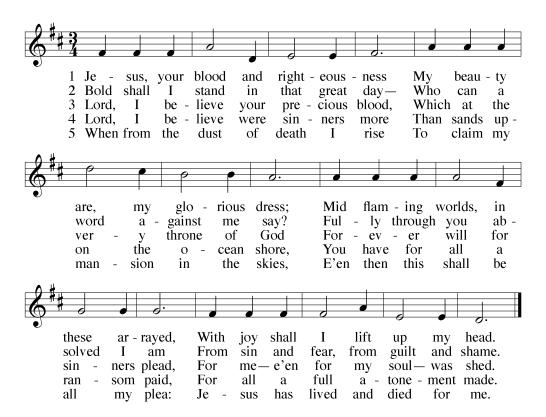
M: Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to you; and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Sing, CW #376, "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness" (Vs. 1,3,6)



6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly! Your boundless mercy has for me, For me and all your hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703-91, alt.

Tune: St. Crispin (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and the death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into this likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BE SEATED

NLS/NCA ANTHEM (10:30 A.M. SERVICE ONLY)

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

THE WORD OF GOD



THE FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 24, 12, 15-18

On the Mount of Glory in the midst of a bright cloud, Moses saw God's new covenant in the person of Jesus Christ. Here was the Man who would not just keep the covenant, but who would be the covenant for all mankind. On Mt. Sinai, the people cowered in fear at the glory of God which looked like a consuming fire. But on the Mount of Glory, that same glory looked like a manan who touched his disciples and gave them the message of the covenant fulfilled, "Don't be afraid!"

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

PSALM OF THE DAY, PSALM 148





Refrain

Praise the LORD from the <u>heavens</u>,* praise him in the <u>heights</u> above.

Praise him, all his <u>angels</u>,* praise him, all his <u>heavenly</u> hosts.

Praise him, <u>sun</u> and moon,* praise him, all you <u>shin</u>ing stars.

Refrain

Praise the LORD <u>from</u> the earth,* lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his <u>bidding</u>,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all <u>ce</u>dars,* wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and <u>fly</u>ing birds,

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,* young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,* for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>inning</u>,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 PETER 1:16-21

This Lesson serves as the Sermon Text for this morning.

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b)

PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 17:1-9

God showed Peter, James, and John all the glory that belonged to the Son of God shining out in the person of Jesus. As Peter said, it is good for us to be on this mountain and see this Jesus, because it prepares us for Lent, and it prepares us for life. We have seen his glory, so we know that no matter the sorrow or darkness we face in this life, we have been bought for another life in the kingdom of glory with our Lord.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.".

APOSTLES CREED

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

SERMON HYMN, CW #97. "DOWN FROM THE MOUNT OF GLORY"



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SERMON TEXT: 2 PETER 1:16-21

SERMON THEME:

Strength for the Journey

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Please sign the Friendship Register in each of the rows 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. This automatically connects your contribution to your account for recording purposes. 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: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain.

C: Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the joyful readiness to believe his promises, and the spirited willingness to live according to his will.

M: By the appearance of Moses and Elijah remind us that blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,

C: for they shall know the power of his resurrection when Christ will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

M: O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity and righteousness.

C: Transform our souls and minds by the renewing grace that flows from you.

M: Take our sicknesses and pains, our sorrows and mourning; take our disappointments and despair; take our pride and anger, our hate and fear; take all these, O Father, and transform them by the power of your Spirit into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage and true faith.

C: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, and send us your aid.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

M: Look upon your Church here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving and loving obedience.

C: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Jesus' sake. Amen.

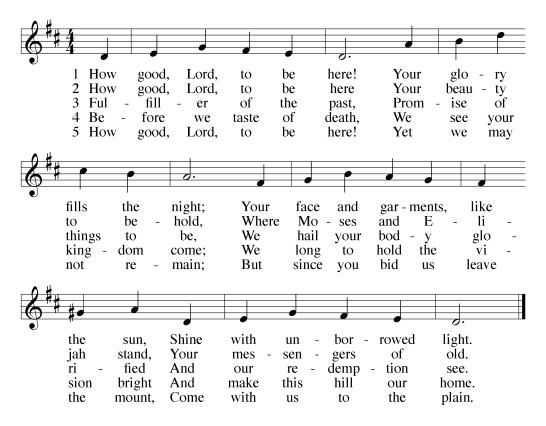
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN, CW #95. "How Good Lord To Be Here"



Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt. Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

PLEASE STAND

FINAL PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) 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.

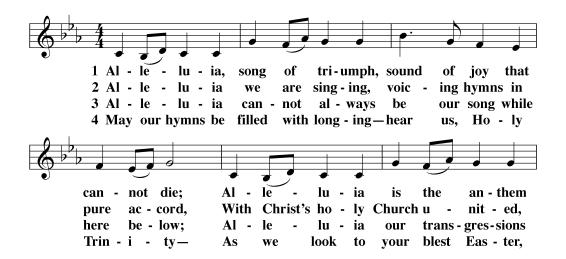
C: (spoken) Amen.

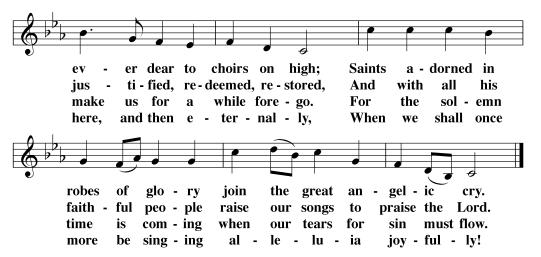
BE SEATED

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word alleluia, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.





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WELS CONNECTION

The WELS Connection is a brief 5 minute video that highlights some of the work in which we are privileged to participate through our Wisconsin Synod. The ministries that are highlighted in this video are funded through our Congregational Mission Offerings. Please take note of the "WELS Connection Close-up" companion piece in your worship folder for additional information.

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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.com and let him know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.



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. We had a great turn out for our first class. We are excited to have so many people eager to learn about the Gospels. 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. This is a great time for you to begin coming to Bible Study on Sunday. We hope to see you on Sunday morning.

<u>Camp South Registration Open:</u> Registration is now open for Camp South. Camp South is a youth camp for all students entering grades 4-9. Camp South will be held July 22-26 in Covington, GA. Registration is \$295 per attendee (before April 30) and \$320 (after April 30). You can register at www.sadcamps.com.

WELS International Youth Rally-Vision 20/20: The WELS International Youth Rally exists to provide youth and youth leaders from across the synod a large-scale worship, education, fellowship, recreation and service opportunity that deepens commitment to Christ and his church. It is open to youth entering grades 9-12. It will be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN, June 23-26, 2020. The cost is: \$375. (Registration runs from March 2-May 29. The early deadline is April 30. After this, the rate is \$395/person.) You can find more information at www.wels.net/youthrally.

Chris Haring Returns Call

On Wednesday evening, Chris Haring announced that he returned the call to teach grades 3-4 at Gethsemane Lutheran School in Omaha, NE. We are grateful to God that he led Chris to remain serving here at Northdale and pray for God's blessings on Chris's ministry to our children. Please continue to keep Gethsemane in your prayers as they continue to call for a teacher for this position

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. 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.

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday, February 26. We begin our solemn journey of Lent with a mid-week worship opportunity. We'll offer worship on Ash Wednesday and the next 5 Wednesdays at 2:00 and 6:30 p.m. Catechism will start with worship first and then meet after until 8:00 p.m. This is an important time as we prepare our hearts for the

celebration of Easter. Please start planning to set aside this important time of reflection and worship.

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.

<u>Aimee Hardman Received Call:</u> This past Monday, Aimee Hardman received a call to teach 1st grade at Illinois Lutheran School in Crete, IL. Please keep Ms. Hardman in your prayers as she now deliberates where she can best serve in God's kingdom.

<u>Women's Bible Study:</u> Women's Bible Study meets at noon on Sunday, March 1. We will begin a new study in March with Joel V. Petermann's "Prayer: An Audience with the King." Copies can be ordered at online.nph.net or Amazon if you are interested in buying a copy.

Called Staff

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This Week:

Monday (2/24): 6:30pm - Ministry Leadership Team

Tuesday (2/25): 6:30pm - Bible Information Class

Wednesday (2/26): 2:00pm - Ash Wednesday Lent Worship

6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Lent Worship

7:00pm - Catechism Class

Sunday (3/1): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship

9:25am – Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: 8:00-Amy Vann

10:30-Nick Koren

Ushers: 8:00—Tom Faucette

10:30—Chris Teeples & Charlie Jacobs

Acolyte: 8:00—Sean Corrigan

10:30—Grace Mosakowski

Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: Dane Mattes

Ushers: 8:00-

10:30—Tom Faucette & Brian Busch

Acolyte: 8:00-Daniel Busch

10:30—Aryssa Kingsborough

Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m. – 26 10:30 a.m. – 63 Total: 89

Yearly Average: 106

% of Members in Worship: 43%

Financial Information

Contributions for 2/16: \$2,374.00

Online Contributions through 2/16: \$1,675.00

Contributions budgeted: \$4,423.08

Contributions budgeted to date: \$145,961.64 Contributions received to date: \$152,767.36 Ahead or (Short) through 2/16/20: \$6,805.72

Martin Luther College Congregational Partner Program

Goal to raise: \$1,000.00 by June 1 Total Gifts received to date: \$175.00

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

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

Gifts received last week: \$430.00 Total received to date: \$339,313.41 Projected Completion date: March 2020

2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals Through December 31

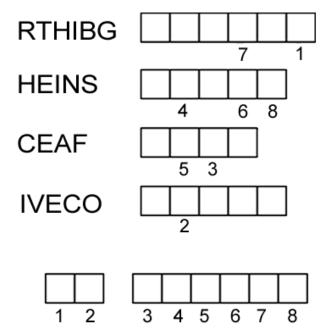
Total Income (Church and School): \$338,197.90 Total Expenses (Church and School): \$293,359.57

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: \$44,895.18

Kids Pages

Transfiguration Word Jumble

Unscramble the four words and use the letters in the numbered boxes to solve the puzzle. The solution will explain the meaning of the word transfiguration.





Jesus, Moses, and Elijah on the mountain.