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

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

The gift of God comes by faith all nations. Not a holy life, not acts of obedience, but simple trust in the promise of God brings the gift of living water for thirsty souls.

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN, CW #102, "ENSLAVED BY SIN AND BOUND IN CHAINS"



1 En - slaved by sin and bound in chains, Be - neath its
2 Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the
3 Je - sus, the Lord, the might - y God, An all - suf -
4 Je - sus the sac - ri - fice be - came To res - cue
5 A - maz - ing good - ness! Love di - vine! Oh, may our



dread - ful ty - rant sway, And doomed to ev - er -
world's col - lect - ed store Suf - fice to pur - chase
fi - cient ran - som paid. O match - less price! His
guilt - y souls from hell; The spot - less, bleed - ing,
grate - ful hearts a - dore The match - less grace nor



last - ing pains We wretch - ed, guilt - y cap - tives lay.
our re - lease; A thou - sand worlds were all too poor.
pre - cious blood For vile, re - bel - lious trai - tors shed.
dy - ing Lamb Be - neath a - veng - ing jus - tice fell.
yield to sin Nor wear its cru - el fet - ters more!

Text: Anne Steele, 1717–78.

Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–1561.

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.**

CONFESSION

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: **And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

M: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and action. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: **O, most merciful God, since you have given your one and only Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness for all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, to the end, that by your grace, we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name, he gives power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord to us all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**



THE WORD OF GOD*

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 12:1-8

Abram believed the Lord's promise. Abram left safety, home, and even family behind to take possession of his inheritance. So great is our Promised Land that we will willingly carry our crosses and bear and cost to follow Jesus into eternity.

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

²"I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

*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

⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 121*

Refrain

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone

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Refrain

I lift up my eyes to the hills.*
Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,*
he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel*
will neither slumber nor sleep.

Refrain

The LORD watches over you,*
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all harm,*
he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and going*
both now and forevermore.

**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: ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

Faith is simply receiving the grace of God by trusting in his promises. This God credits to us as righteousness. Abraham's righteousness did not come by doing but by believing.

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ²If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁴Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

¹³It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 4:5-26

Jesus had come to save the world, a Samaritan... a sinner... and yet Jesus opens the flood gates of the water of life and reveals his true identity as the Promised Seed, the anointed One, her Savior. He calls her to faith, and finds living water for her thirsty soul.

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he.

SERMON HYMN, CW #391, "GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE"



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly
 2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the
 5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
 sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
 sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.
 Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.
 soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To you, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Heiliges Lippen . . . Gesangbuch*, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

SERMON TEXT: GENESIS 12:1-8

SERMON THEME:

Come, Follow Me, God Calls

THANKSGIVING

PLEASE STAND

THE 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

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. 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: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you created all things, both visible and invisible, by your mighty Word.

C: **Help us understand that the whole world is in your hand, and that you have set your seal of ownership on us, and put your Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.**

M: We give thanks, O Father, that you have not appointed us to wrath but to obtain salvation by the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have called us to receive him in faith; may we open our hearts to this gracious indwelling.

C: **In him you have given us the ultimate example of love; may we walk in his steps. You have called us to worship him; may we give him our love, our praise and our adoration.**

M: Grant that our homes may be dwellings of your Spirit. Make all who reside in them increase and abound in love toward one another.

C: **To all mothers give the grace of spiritual wisdom; to all fathers the gift of gentleness; to all children the spirit of obedience.**

M: Grant a rich measure of comfort and patience to our sick and dying. Console those who mourn. Give courage to those who fear.

C: **Warm their hearts and dry their tears with the firm assurance of your healing power and faithful love.**

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

M: O Lord, have mercy upon all who are here in your house this day. Forgive our transgressions. Support the weak. Correct the disobedient. Against all evil and adversity that may vex our souls or bodies, grant us your aid.

C: **These things we ask in the name of your Son who gave his life as a ransom for all. Amen.**

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 ever.
Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN, CW #107, "DEEP WERE HIS WOUNDS, AND RED"



1 Deep were his wounds, and red, On cru - el Cal - va -
2 He suf - fered shame and scorn And wretch - ed, dire dis -
3 His life, his all, he gave When he was cru - ci -



ry, As on the cross he bled In bit - ter
grace; For - sak - en and for - lorn, He hung there
fied; Our bur - dened souls to save, What fear - ful



ag - o - ny. But they whom sin has wound - ed
in our place. But all who would from sin be
death he died! But each of us, though dead in



sore Find heal - ing in the wounds he bore.
free Look to his cross for vic - to - ry.
sin, Through him e - ter - nal life may win.

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FINAL PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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

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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. Our 10:30 a.m. service is 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

Thank you, Pastor Werner: We thank Pastor Paul Werner for leading worship and Bible Study today in Pastor Vann's absence. Pastor Vann is with the 7-8th grade students at Luther Prep in Watertown, WI for the basketball tournament. He will return later today. Pastor Werner is retired from full time ministry and fills in for Pastor Vann from time to time. We thank him for his work today.

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.

Camp South Registration Open: 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.

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.

Mid-Week Lent Worship: As we continue on our solemn journey of Lent toward the cross of Jesus, we continue with our mid-week worship. Our Wednesday services will follow the theme: The Son of God Goes Off to War. We offer worship every Wednesday during Lent 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.

Aimee Hardman Returns Call

Aimee Hardman has returned her call to teach at Illinois Lutheran School in Crete, IL. We are thankful that the Lord has led her to remain serving with us here at Northdale. We pray for God's continued blessings on Aimee as she serves our children. We also ask God to provide a teacher for Illinois Lutheran.

Luther Prep Gala: Every year, Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI holds a Gala event in April. The Gala Event is an evening of: Christian fellowship, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, elegant dinner, and live entertainment. The main focus of the even is to support the mission of

LPS! The support from this event is especially focused on tuition assistance and Project Timothy. This year's event will held at Luther Prep on Saturday, April 18 from 5:00 -9:00 pm. Because we have students who attend there and because we have partnered with Luther Prep in the Project Timothy program, Luther Prep approached us with the opportunity to support a table at this year's event. After discussion at our last MLT meeting, our Leadership voted to support a table at this event at the \$600 level. Their reasoning was fourfold: 1) These young people are the next pastors and teachers in our church body and we have been blessed through the pastors and teachers who have served here; 2) we have 3 students from our church who have attended or are currently attending the school with more to come in the next few years; 3) we have benefitted from Project Timothy the past 3 years which has come at relatively no cost to our congregation; and 4) we significantly reduced our mission offering to the synod this year and this provides us a way to help offset that. The Leadership is asking 3 things from our congregation: 1) Will you consider donating to help cover this \$600 cost? You can label your checks or envelope: Luther Prep Gala; 2) Do you know of anyone in the Milwaukee or Watertown area who would enjoy attending this event? Our donation comes with 8 seats at the table. If you know of someone who would enjoy attending, please talk with Pastor Vann. If we don't fill the seats, Luther Prep will open them to other guests who are supporters of the school; and 3) Consider participating in the auction. This year, the auction will be online and people all over the world can participate. You can find more information about the Gala and the auction as www.lps.wels.net. Look under Support LPS>Gala. If you have any questions, you can speak with Pastor Vann about them.

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This Week:

Monday (3/9):	6:30pm — School Ministry Board 7:30pm - Women of Northdale
Tuesday (3/10):	9:30am — Moms & Tots 6:30pm — Bible Information Class
Wednesday (3/11):	2:00pm - Lent Worship 6:30pm - Lent Worship 7:00pm — Catechism
Sunday (3/15):	8:00 & 10:30am – Worship 9:25am – Adult Bible Study 12:00pm — Women's Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: Tabitha Vannieuwenhoven
Ushers: 8:00—Mike Kutsch
10:30—Dave & Barb Hartwig
Acolyte: 8:00—Sean Corrigan
10:30—Vincent DeCicco
Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: Dane Mattes
Ushers: 8:00—Tom Faucette
10:30 —Chris Teeples
Acolyte: 8:00—Daniel Busch
10:30—Jack Hill
Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.— 42
10:30 a.m.— 78
Total: 120
Yearly Average: 109
% of Members in Worship: 43%

Financial Information

Contributions for 2/26: \$406.00
Contributions for 3/1: \$1,948.00
Online Contributions through 3/1: \$3,424.55
Contributions budgeted: \$4,423.08
Contributions budgeted to date: \$154,807.80
Contributions received to date: \$162,527.41
Ahead or (Short) through 3/1/2020: \$7,719.61

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00
Received Last Week: \$1,042.50
Total received to date: \$340,828.41
Projected Completion date: March 2020

Martin Luther College Congregational Partner Program

Goal to raise: \$1,000.00 by June 1
This week: \$112.50
Total Gifts received to date: \$387.50

2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals Through January 31

Total Income (Church and School): \$377,426.24
Total Expenses (Church and School): \$346,990.15
Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: \$30,436.09