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

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

Thank you for worshiping with us at 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. Here are a few suggestions to maximize your online worship experience:

- ♣ Participate! Stand, sit, read and sing where appropriate throughout the service.
- Remove distractions. Turn off your cell phone and remove other distractions from your worship area.
- Check In to Northdale Lutheran Church on Facebook. Let others know you have chosen to worship God through this turmoil.
- Check in with other members. Send a message to someone you would normally talk to at Church and see how they are coping. Social distancing doesn't mean we stop caring about other people.





WORSHIP THEME

In the face of doubt, Christ gives us proof and peace and sends us forth with this message of peace based on the proof of his resurrection.

CALL TO WORSHIP

"The Common Service" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. It became the service commonly used by English-speaking Lutherans in America.

OPENING HYMN, CW #145, "JESUS LIVES! THE VICT'RY'S WON"



Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715–69, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1815–97, alt. Tune: Jesus, Meine Zuversicht (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

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INVOCATION

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

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



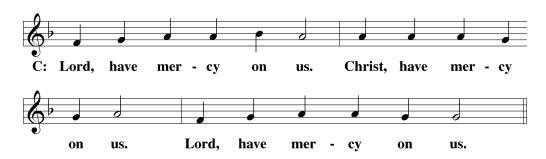
CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, 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.



PRAISE AND PRAYER

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD



THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

This Lesson serves as the Sermon Text for today.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd...

²²"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵David said about him:

" 'I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

²⁶Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

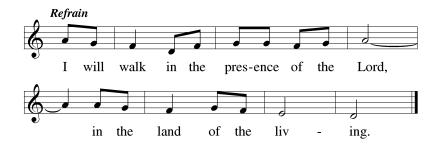
you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 16





Refrain

Keep me <u>safe</u>, O God,* for in you I take <u>refuge</u>.

I said to the LORD, "You <u>are</u> my Lord;* apart from you I have no good thing."

I have set the LORD always before me.*

Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;* my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,* nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the <u>path</u> of life;* you will fill me with joy in your <u>pres</u>ence..

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: I PETER 1:3-9

Faith clings to a Savior we have not seen, but love. And this unseen Savior gives us the inexpressible joy of proof and peace even in the face of doubt.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29b)



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THE GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 20:19-31

What grace we see in Jesus! He gives the ultimate proof that he was alive, and sin was dead. Jesus gave the proof that led to peace for Thomas, peace that could only be found in his Lord and his God.

M: The Gospel Lesson from John, chapter 20.



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



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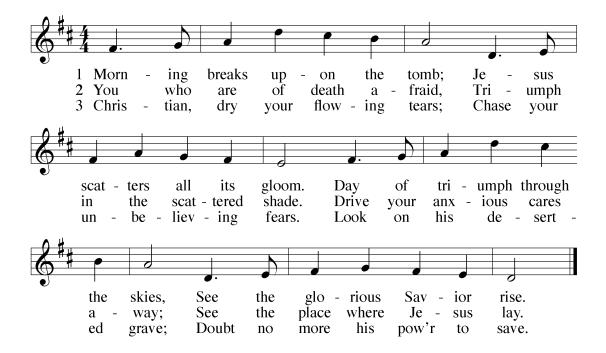
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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 #159, "MORNING BREAKS UPON THE TOMB"



Text: William B. Collyer, 1782–1854, abr.

Tune: INNOCENTS (77 77) French melody, 13th century.

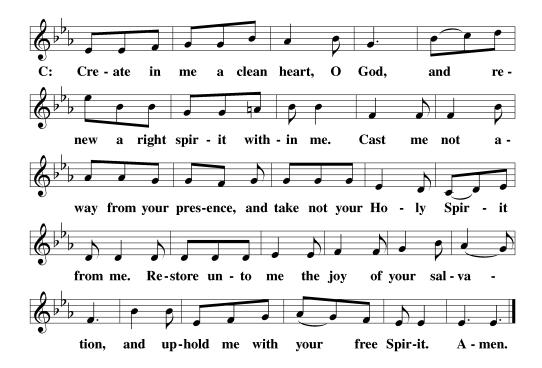
SERMON TEXT: ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

SERMON THEME:

The Church isn't Empty...It's Deployed

THANKSGIVING

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OFFERING

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.

If electronic giving isn't for you, you are invited to mail your offerings to the church.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

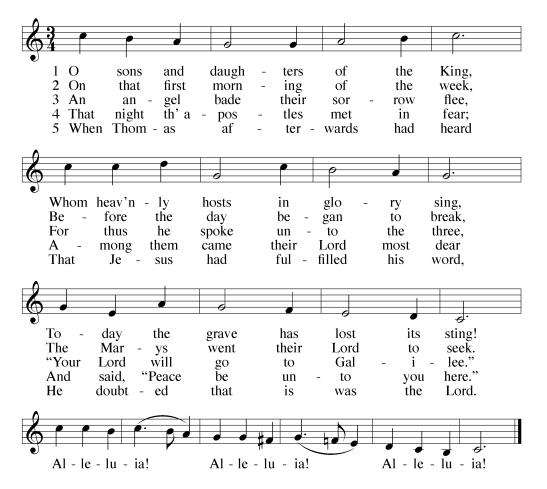
C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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LORD'S PRAYER



SERMON HYMN, CW #165, "O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING" (VS. 1-3, 7-8)



- 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he, "My hands, my feet, my body see; And doubt not, but believe in me." Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!
- 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been; In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
 To God your hearts and voices raise
 In laud and jubilee and praise.
 Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: Gelobt sei Gott (888 with Alleluias) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

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.



BLESSING

M:

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



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Announcements:

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Currently because of the precautions concerning COVID-19, starting this morning we will be conducting Sunday morning Bible Class online through Google Meet starting at 10:15. At 10:15, you can enter this address in your menu bar (meet.google.com/ozg-oixf-pps) and you will be able to join in our Bible Study. I will also send this out via email and it will be posted in the Daily Devotions on our Facebook page so you will be able to access it there. It will be a little different from normal, but we hope it will be a great way for us to study God's Word together despite having to keep our distance from one another.

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.

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 send your checks Ito the office mark them: MLC Congregational Match. There is also a category on our electronic giving so you can give that way. 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.

Private Communion: I am offering two time blocks for private communion this coming week. I will be available either Tuesday or Thursday Afternoon for private communion. If you are interested, please sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AEA922ABFC1-personal. If you want me to send you that by email, just let me know.

Called Staff

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This Week:

Monday (4/20): 6:30pm - School Ministry Board

Tuesday (4/21): 1:00-4:00pm - Private Communion

6:30pm - Online Bible Information Class

Thursday (4/23): 1:00-4:00pm - Private Communion

Sunday (4/26): 9:00am - Online Worship

10:15am - Online Bible Study=

Serving Today

Serving Next Week

Music: Amy Vannieuwenhoven Music: Dane Mattes

Elder: David Mosakowski Elder: David Mosakowski

Financial Information

Contributions for 4/12: \$2,290.00

Online Contributions through 4/12: \$3,655.00 Contributions budgeted per week: \$4,423.08 Contributions budgeted to date: \$181,346.28 Contributions received to date: \$190,702.18 Ahead or (Short) through 4/12/20: \$9,355.90

2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals Through February 29

Total Income (Church and School): \$455,483.17 Total Expenses (Church and School): \$395,094.84

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: \$60,388.33

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

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

Received Last Week: \$235.00

Total received to date: \$356,8561.42 Projected Completion date: March 2020

Martin Luther College Congregational Partner Program

Goal to raise: \$1,000.00 by June 1

This week: \$0

Total Gifts received to date: \$687.50

Luther Prep Gala

Goal to raise: \$600.00 Gifts this past week: \$0

Total gifts received to date: \$75.00

