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

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

Thank you for worshipping 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.
- ❖ Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.



WORSHIP THEME

The certain hope of eternal life with God is founded on the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

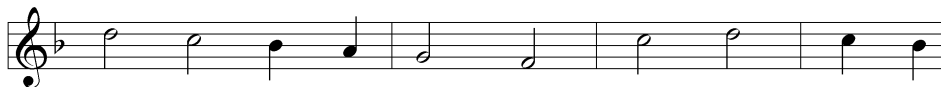
OPENING HYMN, CW #142, "COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN"



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant
2 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is
3 But to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be -



glad - ness! God has brought his Is - ra - el
fly - ing From his light, to whom we give
stow - ing Bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more



In - to joy from sad - ness. See the spring of
Laud and praise un - dy - ing. Nei - ther could the
Pass - es hu - man know - ing. Come, you faith - ful,



souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on And from
gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal Nor the
raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness! God has



three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en.
watch - ers nor the seal Hold him as a mor - tal.
brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, adapt.
Tune: GAUDEAMUS PARITER (76 76 D Trochaic) Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

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

M: We worship today in the name of God the Father,

C: who created us and who sustains us by his grace.

M: We worship today in the name of God the Son,

C: our Lord, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us with His perfect life and innocent death.

M: We worship today in the name of God the Holy Spirit,

C: the Comforter who brings us to faith and renews us daily by His Word.

CONFESSION

M: It is by grace alone that we are saved. Today we come confessing that we are totally unworthy of God's forgiveness and love. We lay ourselves bare before him confessing our sins honestly and trusting fully in his grace. Let us make confession of our sins.

C: Holy and gracious God, we admit that we are altogether sinful and impure. We have not loved you nor anyone else perfectly. We have at times neglected your Word and its promises. Our faith has been lacking in zeal. Our works of love have been shallow and even nonexistent at times. We have truly sinned in thought, word and deed, and beg for your mercy and forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

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 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

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

Hymn of Praise, CW #162, "He is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
Oh, hear What cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.
Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 2:14A, 36-47

Could there be a better preachment of specific Law than Peter's words here? Could there be a better preachment of specific Gospel as Peter restores their hope through the sweet message of Christ crucified and risen for sinners. Rightly dividing Law and Gospel leads to hope restored in the Savior.

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

³⁶“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

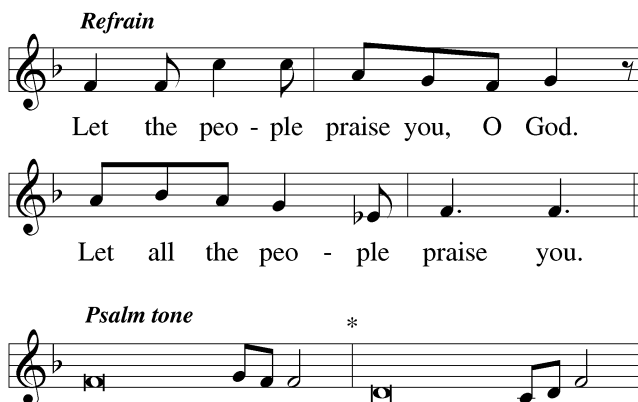
⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

*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

PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 67*

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.

Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone *

Refrain

May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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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PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 24:13-35

Their sight, logic, emotions and expectations had led them to abandon what Scripture said. But our gracious Lord comes and identifies the problem: they are not believing all that the prophets have spoken. Our Lord addresses the problem by explaining all Scriptures that showed the Christ had to die and rise.

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

BE SEATED



SERMON HYMN, CW #160, "THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE"



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.

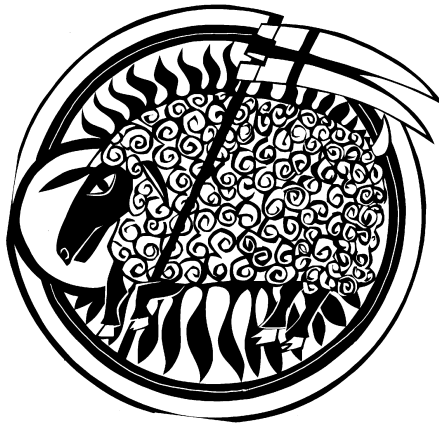
Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) *Davids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684.

THE SERMON TEXT: 1 PETER 1:17-21

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

SERMON THEME:

Hope Empowers Us!



THANKSGIVING

PLEASE STAND

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word.)

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

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 our God, what great and wonderful blessings have been prepared for those who love and trust you.

C: Give us such love and trust that we, through your Son Jesus Christ, may obtain those glories which you have promised to your people by your faithful Word.

M: We thank you for the grace which sent Christ the Good Shepherd into the world to lay down his life for the sheep, to ransom us by his blood from the power of evil, to redeem us by his holy sufferings, and by his cross to liberate us from the fear and bondage of death.

C: We praise and bless you for his resurrection and the glorious promise that all who hear his voice and follow him shall, in the likeness of his resurrection, also be raised to eternal life.

M: Direct our path through the sin, strife and uncertainty of these times, O Lord. Grant us true faith and a godly heart.

C: Strengthen the sick, support the weak, supply the needy, and show yourself a very present help in every trouble.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

M: And finally, when our last hour shall come, because our eyes have seen your salvation, let us depart in peace according to your Word, and receive us into everlasting glory, to be numbered with those wearing the white robes of holiness, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Redeemer.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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

HYMN, CW #167, "JESUS CHRIST MY SURE DEFENSE"



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de-fense And my Sav - ior,
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to
 3 No, too close - ly am I bound Un - to him by
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn Un - to dust, whence
 5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new With this flesh then



now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
 life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;
 hope for - ev - er; Faith's strong hand the rock has found,
 I am tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern
 be en - shroud - ed; In this bod - y I shall view



Rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, Though the night of
 Shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en? Shall I fear, or
 Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven death now
 That from death I shall a - wak - en With my Sav - ior
 God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; In this flesh I



death be fraught Still with many an anx - ious thought.
 could the head Rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
 can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.
 to a - bide In his glo - ry, at his side.
 then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: *D. M. Luthers . . . Geistliche Lieder und Psalmen*, Berlin, 1653, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 4-5.

Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

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.



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



BE SEATED

Copies of today's sermon can be found on our website at www.northdalelutheran.org. 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.

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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: At this time, registration is now open for Camp South. They are planning to hold off any decision about Camp South until we get closer. The hope is that the bans will be lifted by this time. The Camp South Leadership has also been in contact with the FFA Camp who insures that they are doing everything possible to sterilize the cabins and facilities during this time. 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. 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 to 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.

Personal Communion: I am offering two time blocks for private communion this coming week. I will be available either Tuesday afternoon or Thursday evening 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 (4/27) 6:30pm - Ministry Leadership Team Online

Tuesday (4/28) 1:00-4:00pm - Private Communion

Thursday (4/30) 5:00-8:00pm - Private Communion

Sunday (5/3): 9:00am - Worship Online

10:15am - Bible Study Online

Serving Today

Music: Dane Mattes

Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: Chris Haring

Elder: David Mosakowski

Financial Information

Contributions for 4/19/20: \$580.00

Contributions online though 4/19/20: \$4,345.00

Contributions budgeted: \$4,234.08

Contributions budgeted to date: \$185,769.36

Contributions received to date: \$195,627.18

Ahead or (Short) through 4/19/20: \$9,857.82

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

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

Received Last Week: \$625.00

Total received to date: \$357,481.42

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

Martin Luther College Congregational Partner Program

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

Gifts this week: \$125

Total Gifts received to date: \$812.50



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Christ's Love, Our Calling.