

**NORTHDAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**TAMPA, FL**  
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# 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF 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 exclusivity of salvation resting in the person of Jesus Christ is a rock against which the unbelieving world crushes itself, but upon which God builds his Church.

# CALL TO WORSHIP

## OPENING HYMN, CW #529, "BUILT ON THE ROCK"



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his  
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, That, when the

stee - ples are fall - ing, Crum - bled have spires in  
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth his  
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
God did re - ceive us. Th' al - tar re - calls Christ's  
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing

ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
grace us owns Heirs of his won - drous sal - va -  
sac - ri - fice And what the sac - ra - ment gives  
faith may come Where Christ his mes - sage is bring -

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
tion. Were we but two his name to tell,  
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
ing: "I know my own; my own know me.

But a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,  
Choos - es to live with us in love,  
Yet he would deign with us to dwell  
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
You, not the world, my face shall see.

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
With all his grace and his fa - vor.  
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
My peace I leave with you al - ways."

PLEASE STAND

## INVOCATION

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

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

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION

M: Let us confess before our God our failures, fears and weaknesses. Let us seek God's mercy and grace that we may be forgiven and live in peace.

C: God who cares for all, we confess that we are by nature sinful and alienated from you. We do not always love you with our whole heart. We do not care for ourselves, our neighbors, our nation or the earth as we ought. Forgive our failures to hear your Word, our failure to worship you regularly, our failure to appreciate the great gift of forgiveness that you have given us in the Church. Restore us as your people to live in the freedom of Christ our Savior!

## 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.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, we now praise the Lord!

C: (Sing CW #382, vs 1, 4)



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -  
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop  
 then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840–1901.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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: ACTS 17:1-12

*This Lesson serves as our Sermon Text for this morning.*

When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. <sup>2</sup>As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he said. <sup>4</sup>Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

<sup>5</sup>But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. <sup>6</sup>But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, <sup>7</sup>and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, one

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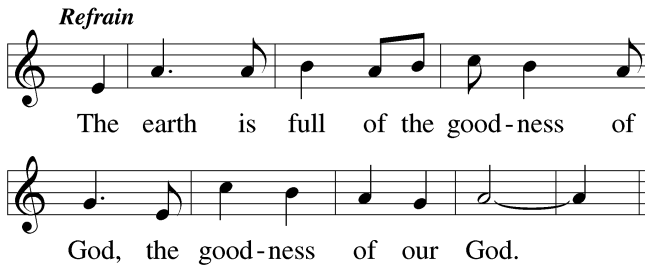
### \*The Word of God

*“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*

called Jesus.”<sup>8</sup>When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. <sup>9</sup>Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

<sup>10</sup>As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. <sup>11</sup>Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. <sup>12</sup>As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

## PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 33*



### ***Refrain***

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;<sup>\*</sup>  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is right and true;<sup>\*</sup>  
he is faithful in all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,<sup>\*</sup>  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it came to be;<sup>\*</sup>  
he commanded, and it stood firm.

### ***Refrain***

The LORD foils the plans of the nations;<sup>\*</sup>  
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,\*  
the purposes of his heart through all generations.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice,\*  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**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: 1 PETER 2:4-10**

*The world looks at God hidden in Christ and sees either a loser or a joke for believers, though, this rejected stone is what saves and builds. That living stone is Life, gives life, and makes living stones out of people who were scattered in darkness.*

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— <sup>5</sup>you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



## THE VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the Truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia. (John 14:6)

*PLEASE STAND*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 14:1-12

*There is only one way, and that way is a person. Jesus points Thomas and Philip to the one person who reveals the hidden God to us. Look closer and see the hidden God. See grace in the flesh-the God of glory willing to hide himself unto death for me.*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God ; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going.”

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

<sup>9</sup>Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup>Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

*BE SEATED*

**SERMON HYMN, CW #528, "CHRIST IS OUR CORNERSTONE"**



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we  
2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall  
3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw  
4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -

build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of  
ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in  
near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your  
plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us

heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we  
One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful  
chil - dren hear, And more and more On those who  
ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the

place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.  
pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.  
blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 4444) John Darwall, 1731–89.

**THE SERMON TEXT: ACTS 17:1-12**

**SERMON THEME:**

***We Shouldn't Be Surprised***

# THANKSGIVING

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## 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:** Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

**C:** **Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.**

**M:** We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

**C:** **Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.**

**M:** We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

**C:** **Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

**M:** We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

**C:** **Grant them strength and wisdom.**

**M:** We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

**C:** **Grant them time to share with their families.**

**M:** We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

**C:** **Grant them relief and justice.**

**M:** We pray for step-moms.

**C:** **Grant them patience and understanding and love.**

**M:** We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

**C:** **Grant them faith and hope.**

**M:** We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

**C:** **Grant them support and insight.**

**M:** We pray for moms who have lost children.

**C:** **Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

M: We pray for mothers who aborted their children.

**C: Grant them healing and peace.**

M: We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

**C: Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.**

M: We pray for adoptive mothers.

**C: Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.**

M: We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

**C: Grant them wisdom and discernment.**

M: We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

**C: Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.**

M: We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

**C: Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.**

M: We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.

**C: Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.**

M: Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. Hear now the first names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples . . . We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple.

C: Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.**

HYMN, CW #351, "HAIL, O ONCE DESPISED JESUS!"



1 Hail, O once - de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, O Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, heav'n - ly hosts a - dore you, Seat - ed at your  
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing You are wor - thy



le - an King! You have suf - fered to re - lease us,  
 you were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 Fa - ther's side. Cru - ci - fied this world once saw you;  
 to re - ceive; Loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



Hope to give and peace to bring. Hail, O u - ni - ver - sal  
 You have full a - tone - ment made. Ev - 'ry sin has been for -  
 Now in glo - ry you a - bide. There for sin - ners you are  
 Right it is for us to give. Help, O bright an - gel - ic



Sav - ior, Bear - er of our sin and shame; By your mer -  
 giv - en Through the pow - er of your blood; O - pen is  
 plead - ing, And our place you now pre - pare, Ev - er for  
 spir - its, All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing



its we find fa - vor; Life is giv - en through your name.  
 the gate of heav - en; We are rec - on - ciled to God.  
 us in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 our Sav - ior's mer - its; Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise.

Text: *A Collection of Hymns*, London, c. 1757, alt.

Tune: O DURCHBRECHER ALLER BANDE (87 87 D) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, alt.

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](http://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](mailto: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](https://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](http://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. So far, we have raised \$812.50! Thank you to those who have so generously given to this fund. 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.

**Pastor Vann Call:** Last Friday, Pastor Vann received a call to be the Dean of Students at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI. The Dean of Students is essentially the students' pastor. He works with the dorm staff to oversee the students, works with discipline issues, counsels students when needed, puts the evening chapel schedule together and other related activities. He would teach 1 class, most likely Senior Doctrine class. He would also help with one extra-curricular, which would most likely be football. Pastor appreciates the thoughts and comments you might have about this position or our ministry here at Northdale Lutheran and also asks for your prayers as he work through this deliberation process. Pastor plans to hold an Open Forum next Sunday during the regular Bible Study time. If we aren't able to do it in person, he will do it through Google meets. This is not an ideal set up, but it may be the best that we have right now. Pastor will send out the information later in the week for you be part of that meeting if it needs to happen online.



### **Called Staff**

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### **This Week:**

Monday (5/11): 6:30pm School Ministry Board

Sunday (5/17): 9:00am - Online Worship

10:15am – Online Bible Study

### **Serving Today**

Music: Amy Vann

Elder: David Mosakowski

### **Serving Next Week**

Music: Dane Mattes

Elder: David Mosakowski

### **Financial Information**

Contributions for 5/3/20: \$2,412.00

Contributions online through 5/3/20: \$3,413.34

Contributions budgeted: \$4,423.08

Contributions budgeted to date: \$194,615.52

Contributions received to date: \$204,696.52

Ahead or (Short) through 5/3/20: \$10,081.00

### **Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future**

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

Received Last Week: \$50.00

Total received to date: \$357,706.42

### **2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals Through March 31**

Total Income (Church and School): \$494,029.51

Total Expenses (Church and School): \$443,736.02

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: \$50,293.02

## **Martin Luther College Congregational Partner Program**

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

Gifts this week: \$50.00

Total Gifts received to date: \$862.50

