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

THE SIXTH 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 love of God who lives in us leads to a life of obedience. Love for our risen Lord means obedience to his commands. Only Jesus' promises make that possible.

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN, CWS #737, "GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT"



1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er:
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion:
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness:
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing



I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! I have
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! Drop your
I am bap - tized in - to Christ! When I
To this life - long com - fort sure! O - pen -



cause I could not pay it, Gave my full re -
com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus' cleans - ing
ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion; I am not so
die, I leave all sad - ness To in - her - it
eyed my grave is star - ing: E - ven there I'll



demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures
sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science
soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've
par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and
sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its



man - y? I have one worth more than an - y
seize me Since my bap - tism did re - lease me
trav - eled, All your might has come un - rav - eled,
ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es:
rais - ing, Still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing:



That brought me sal - va - tion free,
In a dear for - giv - ing flood,
And, a - gainst your tyr - an - ny,
Bap - tism has the strength di - vine
I am bap - tized in - to Christ;



Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
To make life im - mor - tal mine.
I'm a child of par - a - dise!

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen

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

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

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.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; 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 17:22-31

This lesson serves as the Sermon Text for today.

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸“For in him we live and move and have our being.” As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 66*

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone *

Refrain

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!*
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,*
let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives*
and kept our feet from slipping.

Refrain

Come and listen, all you who fear God;*
let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,*
the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened*
and heard my voice in prayer.

**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 3:15-22

Love for our Lord means obedience to his commands—even if that obedience means suffering. The Christian can offer willing obedience in the face of suffering because Christ rules, and Holy Baptism guarantees our connection to him.

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (John 14:23)

PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 14:15-21

Jesus promises more than just a resurrection from the dead for his disciples. Because he is alive, we, too, will live in blessedness and holiness forever. We are children who will never be orphaned, but rather will be comforted, counseled, and kept forever. Life lived as God intended—a life that treasures our Lord, his Word, and obedience to both!

M: The Gospel according to John, chapter 14.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN, CWS #736, "ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED"



1 All Chris - tians who have been bap - tized, Who
 2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In -
 3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im -
 4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our
 5 O Chris - tian, firm - ly hold this gift And
 6 So use it well! You are made new— In



know the God of heav - en, And
 deed, from your con - cep - tion, Con -
 mersed and drowned for - ev - er. The
 shame is ful - ly cov - ered With
 give God thanks for - ev - er! It
 Christ a new cre - a - tion! As



in whose dai - ly life is prized The
 demned and lost with all the earth, None
 wa - ter of your bap - tism day Re -
 all that he once sac - ri - ficed And
 gives the pow - er to up - lift In
 faith - ful Chris - tians live and do With -



name of Christ once giv - en: Con -
 good, with - out ex - cep - tion. For
 stored a - gain what - ev - er Old
 free - ly for us suf - fered. For
 all that you en - deav - or. When
 in your own vo - ca - tion, Un -



si - der now what God has done, The
 like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 A - dam and his sin de - stroyed And
 here the flood of his own blood Now
 noth - ing else re - vives your soul, Your
 til that day when you pos - sess His



gifts he gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap -
 in - ward from the high - est good, You
 all our sin - ful selves em - ployed Ac -
 makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be -
 bap - tism stands and makes you whole And
 glo - rious robe of right - eous - ness Be -



tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
 con - stant - ly de - nied him.
 cord - ing to our na - ture.
 fore our heav'n - ly Fa - ther.
 then in death com - pletes you.
 stowed on you for - ev - er!

This hymn calls to mind the gifts of Holy Baptism—new life, forgiveness, and the divine inspiration to offer our lives in service to God and others.

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Tune: NUN FREUTEUCH (87 87 887) *Etlich Christlich liden*, Wittenburg, 1524

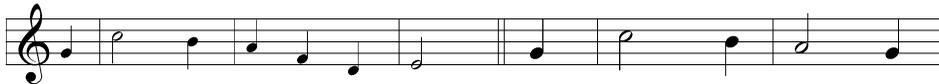
SERMON TEXT: ACTS 17:22-31

SERMON THEME:

Make God Known to the World

THANKSGIVING

PLEASE STAND



Cre - ate in me a



pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -

in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

PLEASE STAND

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,**

your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN, CW #476, "THEE WILL I LOVE, MY STRENGTH, MY TOWER"



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who
 3 Oh, keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Do
 4 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee



will I love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I
 art my best and tru - est friend. Thee will I
 not al - low my steps to stray. Up - hold me
 will I love, my God and Lord, A - mid the



love with all my pow - er, With ar - dor time shall
 love and praise for - ev - er, For nev - er shall thy
 when my feet would stum - ble, And keep me on the
 dark - est depths of sad - ness, And not for hope of



ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I love, O Light di -
 kind - ness end. Thee will I love with all my
 nar - row way. Fill all my na - ture with thy
 high re - ward, For thine own sake, O Light di -



vine, So long as life is mine.
 heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!
 light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!
 vine, So long as life is mine.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 3–4, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 2.

Tune: ICH WILL DICH LIEBEN (98 98 86) *Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz*, Frankfurt, 1738, alt.

PLEASE STAND

FINAL PRAYER

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

BE SEATED

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: We will not hold our regular Bible Study this morning. In its place, Pastor will hold an Open Forum to present his call to the congregation. 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 the Open Forum. 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. We are glad to have you join us.

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: Thank you to everyone who donated to the MLC Matching Grant Program. Last week we reached our goal! What a great show of support for our worker training system. Thank you for your gifts.

Pastor Vann Call: Pastor Vann is currently holding 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 today 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.

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This Week:

Monday (5/18): 6:30pm - Evangelism Team
7:30pm - Worship Team
Thursday (5/21): 6:30pm - Financial Advice Team
Sunday (1/12): 9:00am - Online Worship
10:15am – Online Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: Chris Haring
Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: Dane Mattes
Elder: David Mosakowski

Financial Information

Contributions for 5/10/20: \$1,705.00
Contributions online though 5/10/20: \$2,104.00
Contributions budgeted: \$4,423.08
Contributions budgeted to date: \$199,038.60
Contributions received to date: \$208,505.52
Ahead or (Short) through 5/10/20: \$9,466.92

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00
Received Last Week: \$150.00
Total received to date: \$357,856.42

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: \$200.00
Total Gifts received to date: \$1,062.50

