

# **Northdale Lutheran Church & Academy**

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*"We Grow in God's Word so that we can Go with God's Word"*

**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.
- Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.

We thank Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia, TN for letting us make use of their worship folder and service video while we conduct distance worship today and July 5. This is the home congregation of our District President, Pastor Chuck Westra. Many of you will recognize him as the Pastor who is helping us with calling our next pastor. He is service leader in the worship video for today. Please note that this service was recorded for Christ Our Savior's Thursday evening service on June 18.

**Pentecost 4**

**June 28, 2020**

**Witnessing for Christ – To Those Who Need Mercy**

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INVOCATION <sup>1</sup>

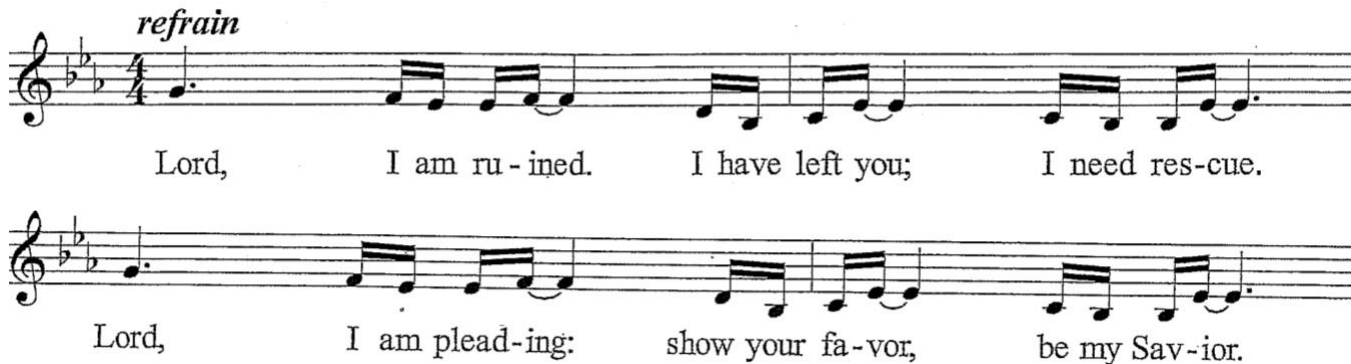
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS <sup>2</sup>

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**LORD, BE MY SAVIOR** (*The congregation sings the refrain and bolded verse.*)



I love your law and would walk well within it.  
Knowing I've not leaves me sighing.  
This is the struggle I face every minute.  
Who can relieve me? I'm dying! **refrain**

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<sup>1</sup> The Invocation, which uses the words spoken over us at our baptisms, remind us of who we are (children of God) and what we are members of—the church of God on earth.

<sup>2</sup> This hymn of confession is based on the words of the prophet Isaiah when he was called by God. In this confession, we contemplate why we do the sinful things we do; but also, in line with Romans 10:13, we are reminded that the believer's plea for forgiveness never goes unheard. Righteousness, forgiveness, and holiness all come from outside ourselves – that is, from our Savior, Jesus Christ.


Warnings ignored, I had thought I was stronger  
Till walls of shame rose around me.  
How can you call me your child any longer?  
Guilt and despondency hound me. ***refrain***

Look where I've gone to forget my condition  
Places which you have forbidden.  
Bring to my soul true remorse and contrition.  
Show me your face; don't stay hidden. ***refrain***

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Christ, what you weren't, you became-foul and filthy;  
Cursed, people found you appalling.  
What I was not, I've become-found "Not guilty!"  
I need you now; hear me calling! *to final refrain***

*final refrain*



Lord, I was ru-ined, hav-ing left you, need-ing res-cue.

Lord, my Re-deem-er, by your fa-vor, you're my Sav-ior.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY <sup>3</sup>

- P:** O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST LESSON: HOSEA 5:15-6:6

<sup>15</sup> Then I will go back to my place  
until they admit their guilt.  
And they will seek my face;  
in their misery they will earnestly seek me.”

<sup>6:1</sup> “Come, let us return to the LORD.  
He has torn us to pieces  
but he will heal us;  
he has injured us  
but he will bind up our wounds.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will restore us,  
that we may live in his presence.

<sup>3</sup> Let us acknowledge the LORD;  
let us press on to acknowledge him.  
As surely as the sun rises,  
he will appear;  
he will come to us like the winter rains,

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<sup>3</sup> The Prayer of the Day is a concise prayer which “collects” the thoughts of the day and presents them to God in his mercy. Most of these prayers have been in use in the Church for more than 1,500 years. By praying these prayers, we join with the great body of believers, the communion of saints, and with the generations yet to come.

- like the spring rains that water the earth.”
- <sup>4</sup> “What can I do with you, Ephraim?  
What can I do with you, Judah?  
Your love is like the morning mist,  
like the early dew that disappears.
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets,  
I killed you with the words of my mouth;  
my judgments flashed like lightning upon you.
- <sup>6</sup> For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,  
and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

## **GLORY BE TO GOD** *(Congregational song.)*

### **Verse 1**

**All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.  
Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
for your great glory, heav’nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

### **Verse 2**

**O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
You take all human sin away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
From God’s right hand, your mercy share.  
You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
the Father’s glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
“All glory be to God!” Amen.**

## SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 4:18-25 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup>

Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

*2 Corinthians 5:19*

P: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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<sup>4</sup> This is the second of sixteen lessons from book of Romans (Pentecost 2-17). How could God choose the ministers he did? How could God choose the people he did? How can God continue to love us after all the times we turn our back on him? Because of an alien (“outside ourselves”) righteousness, long promised and now credited to us and to all who believe in him who raised Jesus from the dead.

## GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 9:9-13 <sup>5</sup>

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."



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<sup>5</sup> The call of Matthew manifests the mercy of God. The Pharisees knew the Scriptures and walked the walk. They left no sacrifice undone. Their outward righteousness and place of respect among the people were the mirror opposite of the man sitting in the tax collector's booth. Despised as a quisling and swindler, the publican's only companions were the other "sinners" who lived beyond the pale of Jewish Law. Yet the call of Christ to faith and apostleship did not come to these outwardly righteous Pharisees, but to the tax collector. So powerful was the call that Matthew left his station and his old life behind and followed. Jesus bypassed the Pharisees because they knew sacrifice but were blind to mercy. When they questioned Christ's acts of mercy, Jesus tells the teachers of Israel to go and learn Scripture, to see the difference between mercy and sacrifice...to see that their claims of righteousness were nothing but more whitewash on tombs. Can they really be healthy when they are blind to mercy for their brothers, blind to the prophets, and blind to the Messiah? Christ wanted different ministers than these. He wanted ministers who knew the mercy of God and would share the mercy of God. So he turned to the sinner, Matthew, and called him from his life of sin to a life of ministry with those merciful words, "Follow me."

## 304 JESUS SINNERS DOES RECEIVE

1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich  
say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope  
Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -  
for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By your blood and bitter passion,  
For these words I do believe—  
Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
Even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave—  
Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite./Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstüdtisches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1699, alt.

## SERMON

*Hosea 5:15-6:6*

### Let Us Return to the Lord

- I. With a true heart
- II. With a refreshed heart



## Apostles' Creed <sup>6</sup>

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.	2 Cor. 6:18 Is. 51:13
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.	1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18 Lk. 1:35 Lk. 1:34; 2:7 Lk. 23:16 Mt. 27:32-61 et al. 1 Pet. 3:19 1 Cor. 15:4b Ac. 2:33-34 Heb. 1:13 Mt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1
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.	Mt. 3:16-17 Eph. 5:23 Eph. 4:3-6 Rom. 4:6-8 Ecc. 12:7 1 Th. 4:17

## THANKSGIVING

### 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 drop off or mail your offerings to the church.*

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<sup>6</sup> Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in his name. The creed is our saying back to God what he has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and his work of salvation accomplished for us in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Philippians 2:11).

## 399 TO GOD BE THE GLORY

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,  
But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be  
Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!  
Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son  
And give him the glo - ry— great things he has done!

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915, alt./Tune: William H. Doane, 1832-1915.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 7

<sup>7</sup> Through the Prayer of the Church we heed Christ's command to "love one another." One of the greatest forms of love we can show for our neighbor is to pray for them.

## LORD'S PRAYER <sup>8</sup>

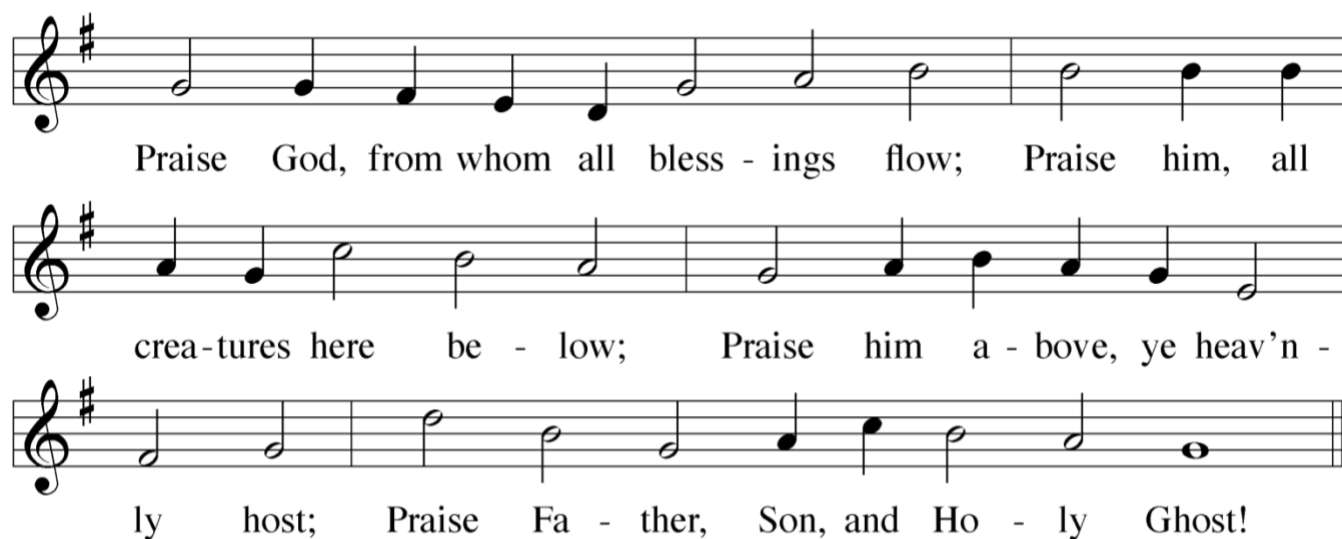
**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## THE LORD'S BLESSING <sup>9</sup>

**P:** 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 on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

## 334 PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!'.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all  
crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -  
ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, abr./Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551.

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<sup>8</sup> The Lord's Prayer is a prayer given us by Christ himself. Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.

<sup>9</sup> As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name. Worshipers may make the sign of the cross on themselves as they are encouraged to live each day with Baptismal confidence, knowing that they have the Lord's blessing and presence with them.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COVID Announcement:** It recently came to our attention that a member of our Northdale Lutheran Church family has been diagnosed with COVID-19. This communication is to make you aware that this member was present at Bible class and 10:30 AM worship on Sunday, June 21. While the condition was unknown at the time, the first symptoms started to appear Sunday evening. A test confirmed the condition June 25. We want our church family who was present at Bible class and/or second service on June 21 to be aware of this situation and monitor their health for any COVID symptoms.

In response to this situation, your prayers are requested for our church family and you can be assured that the Northdale leadership is implementing a two-step process to mitigate the risk. The first step is to cancel in-person worship services on Sunday, June 28 and July 5. We will resume our 9:00 AM distance worship service schedule for these two Sundays. Due to the complications of our pastoral transition, we will be making use of another church's worship service video which will be shared on our [Northdale Lutheran Church Facebook page](#) and emailed using the Daily Devotion distribution list. You can expect the service video and worship folder to be posted each Sunday morning. There will not be an online Bible class June 28 or July 5. The second step has been to alert our cleaning service which will complete a deep cleaning June 26. They have been using a disinfecting fog in the church building each week along with their regular cleaning routine since we resumed in-person services. The disinfecting fog will continue to be part of the regular cleaning routine as long as necessary.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** We will not hold our regular Bible Study this morning or July 5. Instead, you are encouraged to make use of the Daily Devotion emails to participate in personal Bible study. We plan to resume in-person worship and Bible Study July 12.

**Vacancy Pastor & Worship Plan Update:** It had been announced this past Sunday that Pastor Bill Gabb would likely be serving as our vacancy pastor until a new pastor would accept our call to serve Northdale Lutheran. Due to some recent health issues, Pastor Gabb is no longer able to serve the role of vacancy pastor role. In the meantime, Pastor Nuss will be serving us God's Word when we resume in-person

worship on Sunday, July 12. We thank him for his service in this transition time. Plans past July 12 are in development and will be included in future announcements. Please keep Pastor Gabb, our congregation, and Pastor Nuss in your prayers during this time of transition.

**Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for more people who will be willing to operate Hymnsoft for worship services. Hymnsoft is the computer program we use for the music. If you are interested in helping speak with Kallie Mendez or Chris Haring.

### **Called Staff**

Principal Dane Mattes: 920-588-7599

Aimee Hardman: 813-464-5113

Christopher Haring: 517-202-7283

Ethan Jaeger:

Joanne Mattes: 920-588-7596

Bethany Schwartz: 920-222-9279

### **This Week:**

Sunday (7/5):                      9:00 AM – Online Worship Only  
No Adult Bible Study

### **Attendance Last Sunday**

8:00 a.m.—30

10:30 a.m.—77

Total: 107

Yearly Average: 103

% of Members in Worship: 42%

### **Financial Information**

Contributions for 6/21: \$1,267.00

Online Contributions through 6/21: \$2,275.00

Contributions budgeted per week: \$4,423.08

Contributions budgeted to date: \$225,577.08

Contributions received to date: \$232,393.53

Ahead or (Short) through 6/21/2020: 6,816.45

**2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals Through May 31**

Total Income (Church and School): \$601,945.33

Total Expenses (Church and School): \$529,018.19

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: \$72,927.14

**Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future**

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

Received Last Week: \$200.00

Total received to date: \$359,259.42