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

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to 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. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:



- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- ❖ To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship. ***Please do not leave children unattended in the Quiet Room. We ask that at least one adult be present while children are in this room.***
- ❖ Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.



WORSHIP THEME

Christians Answer Doubt with Faith.

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THIS SERVICE OFFERS THE CONGREGATION A FORM OF WORSHIP THAT FOCUSES ON THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD. BELIEVERS RESPOND TO THIS DIVINE GIFT WITH PRAYER, PRAISE, AND THANKSGIVING.

OPENING HYMN, CW 779, "I SING AS I ARISE TODAY"

1 I sing as I a - rise to - day, I
2 The word of God to be my speech, The
3 The work of God to be my joy, The
4 I sing as I a - rise to - day; I

call on my Cre - a - tor's might: The
hand of God to be my stay, The
house of God to be my rest, The
cry out my Re - deem - er's name: Lord

will of God to be my guide, The
shield of God to be my strength, The
grace of God to be my song, The
Je - sus Christ, my hope, my all, To -

eye of God to be my sight,
path of God to be my way,
praise of God to be my best.
day and ev - er - more the same.

Text (st. 1,2): Anon.

Text (st. 3,4): Michael Schultz, b. 1963 © 2006 Michael Schultz. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD (88 88) *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, London, 1778, adapt.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

M(inister): The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C(ongregation): And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: 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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

SONG OF PRAISE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.



THE WORD OF GOD*

THE FIRST LESSON: 1 KINGS 19:9-18

⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹¹ The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁴ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him.” (NIV84)

*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 73*

Refrain



Psalm tone



I am always with you, O LORD;*
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel*,
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,*
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

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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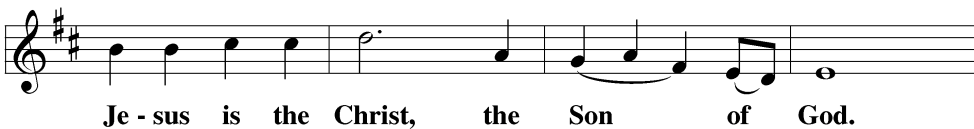
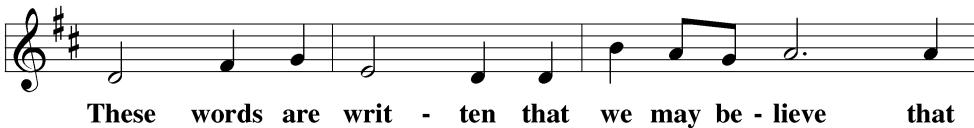
THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 9:1-5

THIS WILL SERVE AS TODAY'S SERMON TEXT.

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit — ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12)



PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 14:22-33

²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

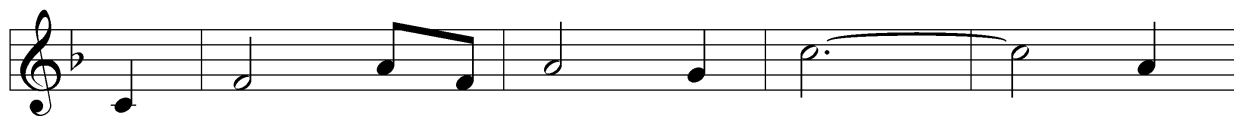


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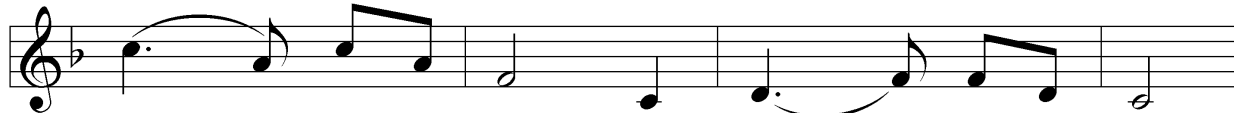
SERMON HYMN, CW #379, "AMAZING GRACE—HOW SWEET THE SOUND"



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I
 His Word my hope se - cures. He
 I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
 Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,
 will my shield and por - tion be
 grace has brought me safe thus far,
 no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.
 As long as life en - dures.
 And grace will lead me home.
 Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th century, st. 4.
 Tune: NEW BRITAIN (CM) *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829, alt.

SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 14:22-33

SERMON THEME:

What Jesus Thinks of Little Faith

PLEASE STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**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

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.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son.

C: **Through him we have confidence to enter into your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions.**

M: Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit. Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works. Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need.

C: **Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.**

M: Strengthen our faith so that we unfaithfully come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs. Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid.

C: **Help us patiently endure any afflictions you permit to come into our lives, knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.**

Special prayers and intercessions

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

Silent prayer.

M: Accept our prayers and intercessions and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

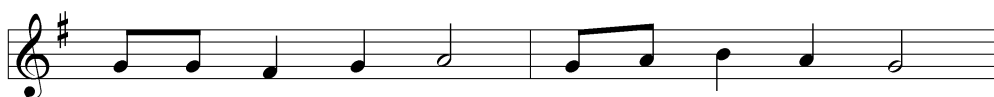
C: In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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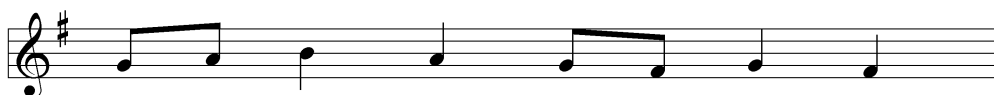
FINAL HYMN, CW #422, "JESUS, LEAD US ON"



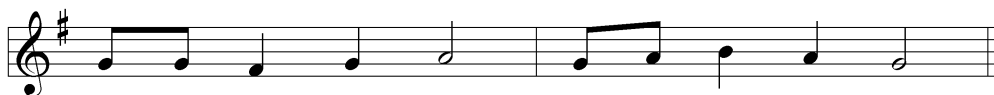
1 Je - sus, lead us on Till our rest is won;
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief,
 4 Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest is won.



And al - though the way be cheer - less,
 Let not faith - less fears o'er - take us;
 When temp - ta - tions come al - lur - ing,
 Heav'n - ly Lead - er, still di - rect us;



We will fol - low, calm and fear - less.
 Let not faith and hope for - sake us,
 Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand To our fa - ther - land.
 For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, adapt.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
 Tune: SEELNBRÄUTIGAM (55 88 55) Adam Drese, 1620–1701.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness and comforted in life and in death, 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

All of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website www.NorthdaleLutheran.org. We also email out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please email the office at office@northdalelutheran.org and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.

Announcements:

Vacancy Pastor

We thank Pastor Nuss for serving us with God's Word in Worship and Bible class today. He will also lead us August 30. Pastor Joel Schwartz from Peace in Trinity, FL has agreed to serve us as our coordinating vacancy pastor. We will be working with him to plan Sunday preachers and meet other pastoral needs of our congregation during this vacancy. Pastor Schwartz can be reached at the contact information below should you be in need of his assistance.

pastorofpeace@hotmail.com Mobile: 727-938-6321

Pastor Call Meeting

On August 9, Pastor Krause announced that he has returned our pastor call and will continue serving his current congregation in Denver, CO. We thank the Lord of the Church for leading Pastor Krause to this peaceful decision and granting him enthusiasm for his continued service to Zion Lutheran Church. We have scheduled our next pastor call meeting for Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be held in-person in our church as well as online. Those interested in joining the meeting online can do so at this link: <https://meet.google.com/xhm-oeub-kps>. Voting members will be able to send their candidate selections to Chairman Jeff Berg by text. More directions for remote voting will be provided at the beginning of the meeting August 27.

Budget Meeting

Our annual budget meeting will be held following the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, August 30. The purpose of this meeting is to review and approve a budget which supports our ministry plan for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This is an important meeting and every member is invited to attend to discuss our ministry plans and how we can all be involved in supporting those efforts.

Youth Catechism Class

6th - 8th Graders who are not in Catechism class at Northdale Christian Academy can attend Youth Catechism Class in-person on Monday evening, August 31, at 6:30 pm at Northdale Lutheran. The first class will go from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. I respectfully ask that parents meet with me the first 15 minutes of the first class to discuss expectations for the class and our class schedule. At this meeting we can decide on an evening that works for the group and how often we will meet in-person or online.

Catechism class is for two important purposes. The main purpose is to strengthen youth in their relationship to Jesus Christ, their Savior from sin. God promises that faith is strengthened as they hear and learn his Word. The second purpose is to strengthen youth for living out their faith as Christians. Youth will learn how to serve Jesus and their neighbor in this class.

Face Coverings for Worship

Last month the Ministry Leadership Team decided face coverings are required for the 8:00 AM service and Bible class at 9:25 AM. This requirement went into effect August 9. Children 7 years old and under are not required to wear face coverings. Face coverings will continue to be encouraged, but not required, for the 10:30 AM service. NLC will have disposable masks available for those who do not have their own. It is the intent of the MLT that this change would remove barriers which may exist for those who feel strongly about wearing masks while also presenting options for those who feel differently. We want our people to feel comfortable and safe while worshipping online or in-person.

Called Staff

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This Week:

Monday (8/24): 6:30pm - Membership Leadership Team
Sunday (8/30): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship
9:25am – Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: Nick Koren
Ushers:
Acolyte: 10:30—Noah Raines
Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:00 - Chris Haring
10:30 - Aiden Berg
Ushers:
Acolyte: 10:30—Carolyn Mattes
Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m. — 14
10:30 a.m. — 25
Total: 36
Yearly Average: 95
% of Members in Worship: 39%

2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals Through June 30

Total Income (Church and School): \$622,659.91
Total Expenses (Church and School): \$605,537.36
Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: \$17,122.55

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00
Received Last Week: \$275.00
Total received to date: \$360,084.42

Kids Pages



Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



G E V E N I N G R P B C Y P O
 S S C P Q N T S D U R O O A W
 C I V D O U B T K O X A A M C
 U D N W A L K I N G F F Y T E
 O N E K G A X B Y A U Y S U O
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EVENING	HAND	DOUBT	WAVES
COURAGE	AFRAID	SAVE	SINK
LAKE	WALKING	BOAT	WIND
PRAY	COME	WATER	ALONE