



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

THE FIFTEENTH 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

The Church Militant: First the Cross, then the Crown

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 735, "SPEAK, O LORD"

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re-
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will

fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll

love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your

fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your
nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
Church is built And you fill the earth with your

glo - ry.
un - be - lief.
glo - ry.

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.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.



THE WORD OF GOD*

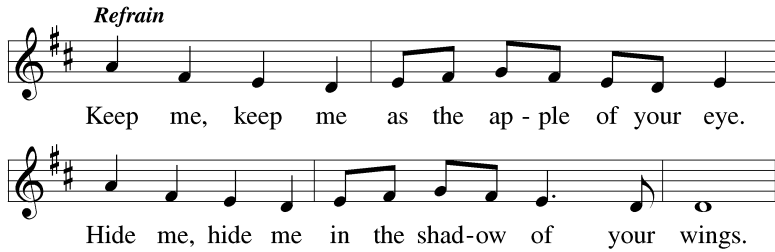
THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 15:15-21

¹⁵You understand, O LORD; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails? ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. ²¹ "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel." (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 121*



I lift up my eyes to the hills.*
Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,*
he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel*
will neither slumber nor sleep.

Refrain

The LORD watches over you,*
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all harm,*
he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and going*
both now and forevermore.

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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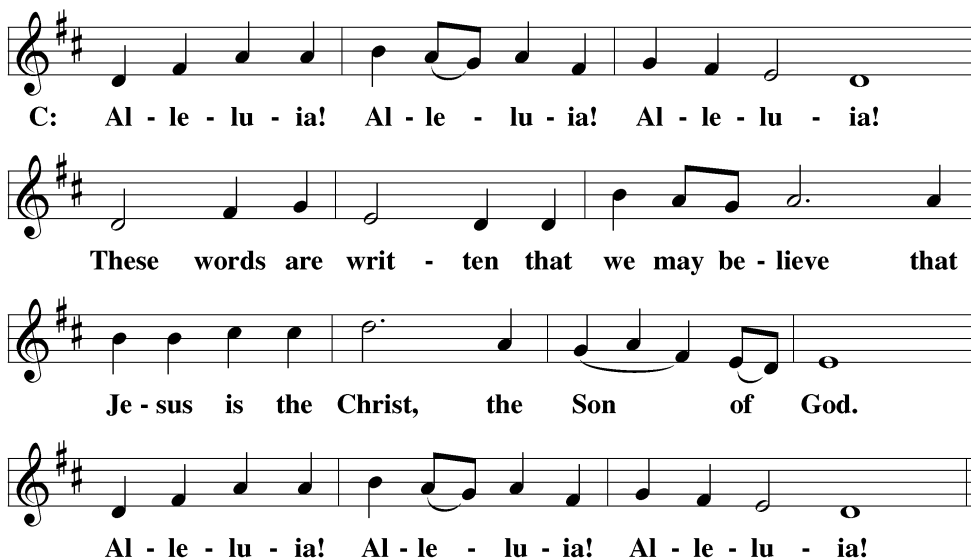
THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. ⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. (NIV84)

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart.
Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12)



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!

PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 16:21-26

THIS WILL SERVE AS TODAY'S SERMON TEXT.

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? (NIV84)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

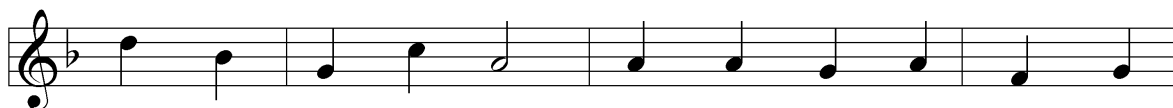


BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN, CW #463, "JESUS CALLS US O'ER THE TUMULT"



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult Of our
2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it By the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by day his voice in -
Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and
help us hear your call; Give our hearts to your o -



vites us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.
keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, Serve and love you best of all!

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–95, alt.

Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716, alt.

SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 16:21-26

SERMON THEME:

Follow the Leader

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: Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully acknowledge your kind Providence which sheltered us until this hour sheltered us until this hour.

C: As we consider your manifold kindnesses to us, we humbly thank you for your gracious presence.

M: Accept our praises for your creation, our redemption, and our sanctification

C: We fear no evil because our hearts firmly trust in you.

M: We certainly have no reason to be proud of ourselves.

C: Without you we are nothing, without you we could do nothing.

M: You have called us saints through Christ Jesus, our Lord, and yet we are still sinners.

C: We are too ready to exalt ourselves over others, seeking places of honor.

M: We are too ready to repay evil for evil.

C: We have cursed when we should have blessed.

M: We have been sowers of discord instead of being instruments of your peace.

C: We have failed to overcome evil with good.

M: For these are many transgressions forgive us, Lord.

C: Send us your Holy Spirit, that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord.

M: Give us the right words to say when our neighbor rejoices and when our neighbor weeps.

C: Give us a true spirit of humility, that rejoices in another's good fortune.

M: Give us a generous heart that we may share our bounty with the needy.

C: Help us to comfort the bereaved and minister to the sick.

M: Help us to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Special prayers and intercessions

M: Now hear us as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Father, we ask this in the name of him who humbled himself unto death,

C: even death on the cross, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

BE SEATED

FINAL HYMN, CW #537, "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"



1 On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
 4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful; Join the hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
 Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
 But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
 Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ the King;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See his ban - ners go!
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
 This through count - less a - ges Saints and an - gels sing.

Refrain



On-ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. GERTRUDE (65 65 D with Refrain) Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900.

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:

Pastor Call News

At the call meeting on August 27, our congregation unanimously called Pastor Michael Seifert from Living Hope Lutheran Church in Midlothian, VA to serve as our next shepherd. Please keep Pastor Seifert, his wife, Sarah, and their children, Jonah, Ethan and Caleb, in your prayers during this time of deliberation. Our members are encouraged to reach out to Pastor Seifert to share your perspective of our ministry here and to provide encouragement as he prayerfully considers serving among us. Feel free to email or text and set up a time to speak on the phone. You can also click this link to read Pastor Seifert's letter acknowledging the call we have extended to him. pastorseifert@LivingHopeWELS.com 804-239-5206

Vacancy Pastor

We thank Pastor Nuss for serving us with God's Word in Worship and Bible class today. Pastor Nuss will also lead us on September 20. 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

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:

Sunday (9/27): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship
 9:25am – Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: 8:00 - Rachel Wilson

10:30 - Aiden Berg

Ushers:

Acolyte: 10:30—Carolyn Mattes

Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: Chris Haring

10:30 - Aiden Berg

Ushers:

Acolyte: 10:30—Hailey Mattes

Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.— 13

10:30 a.m.—42

Total: 55

Yearly Average: 95

% of Members in Worship: 39%

2020-2021 Year to Date Actuals Through July 31

Total Income (Church and School): \$31,794.66

Total Expenses (Church and School): \$45,594.60

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$13,799.94)

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

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

Received Last Week: \$225.00

Total received to date: \$365,772.42

Kids Pages



