



**NORTHDALÉ LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**TAMPA, FL**  
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# Northdale Lutheran Church & Academy

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

## THE TWENTY-FIRST 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

Our God Invites Unworthy Sinners to Participate in His Blessings

# 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 337, "DELAY NOT! DELAY NOT"



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!  
2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,  
3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,  
4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;  
5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.  
For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.  
Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight  
The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.  
The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.  
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,  
The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand—  
A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.  
Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.  
To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.  
What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?  
Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.

Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.

*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!





# THE WORD OF GOD\*

## THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines. <sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.” (NIV84)



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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*

## PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 23*

### *Refrain*



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

### *Psalm tone*



The LORD is my shepherd,\*  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;\*  
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;\*  
he guides me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,\*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

### ***Refrain***

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.\*  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD 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***

## THE SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (NIV84)

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia. (Isaiah 25:9b NIV)



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 22:1-14

THIS WILL SERVE AS TODAY'S SERMON TEXT.

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

<sup>5</sup> “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

<sup>8</sup> “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup> Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’

<sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless.

<sup>13</sup> “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

<sup>14</sup> “For many are invited, but few are chosen.” (NIV84)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN, CW #376, "JESUS, YOUR BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS"



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a  
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -  
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in  
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -  
ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for  
on the o - cean shore, You have for all a  
man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
sin - ners plead, For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.  
all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!  
Your boundless mercy has for me,  
For me and all your hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.  
Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

**SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 22:1-14**

**SERMON THEME:**

## ***The Feast Is Ready! Come!***

*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, Shepherd of our souls and Supplier of all our needs, we, the people of your pasture, come before you with hearts filled with gratitude and praise.

**C:** **For leading us into the green pastures of your Word, we give you thanks.**

**M:** For leading us beside the waters of your love and mercy, we are most thankful.

**C:** **For restoring our souls with the righteousness of your Son Jesus Christ, we bring you our praise.**

**M:** For making it possible for us to walk through the valley of the shadow of death without fear, we adore your most holy name.

**C:** **As your sheep, O Lord, we acknowledge that we have often strayed from the path of righteousness.**

**M:** Though we are blessed with abundance we have often been discouraged.

**C:** **Despite your loving care throughout our lives, we have often been anxious.**

**M:** We have doubted that you would supply all our needs.

**C:** **For these, our many transgressions, forgive us, Lord.**

M: Grant us your Spirit and make us content with what you provide.  
C: **Give us the faith to realize that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.**  
M: Be the source of strength to the church and bless our nation with peace.  
C: **Bring comfort to the sorrowing and give hope to the discouraged.**

### *Special Intercessions*

M: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer,  
C: **As we bring to you our private petitions.**

### *Silent Prayer*

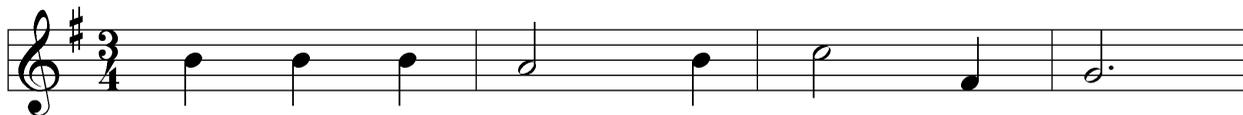
M: Father, in the name of our Shepherd, your Son, Jesus Christ,  
C: **we bring these petitions before you. Amen.**

### **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 #373, "O JESUS, KING MOST WONDERFUL"



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful,  
2 When once you vis - it dark - ened hearts,  
3 O Je - sus, Light of all be - low,  
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess your name,  
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless



O Maj - es - ty re - nowned, O Con - quer - or in -  
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -  
O Fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the  
For - ev - er you a - dore, En - kin - dled with the  
And hon - or you a - lone, And may we in our



vin - ci - ble, In whom all joys are found,  
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.  
joys we know, All that we can de - sire,  
Spir - it's flame To love you more and more.  
lives ex - press The im - age of your own!

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.  
Tune: ST. AGNES (CM) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

PLEASE STAND

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: Grant us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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](http://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](mailto:office@northdalelutheran.org) and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.

# Announcements:

## **Pastor Aaron Schulz**

At the call meeting on October 11, our congregation unanimously called Pastor Aaron Schulz from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Menomonie, WI to serve as our next shepherd. Please keep Pastor Schulz, his wife, Alissa, and their three children in your prayers during this time of deliberation. Our members are encouraged to reach out to Pastor Schulz 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. [aaron.schulz@stpaulmenomonie.com](mailto:aaron.schulz@stpaulmenomonie.com) Mobile: 262-483-1534 participants at the time of the meeting.

## **Vacancy Pastor**

We thank Pastor Nuss for serving us with God's Word in Worship and Bible class today. Pastor Joel Schwartz from Peace in Trinity, FL is serving us as our coordinating vacancy pastor. We work 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](mailto: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**

Vacancy Pastor Joel Schwartz: 727-938-6321 Email: [pastorofpeace@hotmail.com](mailto:pastorofpeace@hotmail.com)  
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**This Week:**

Monday (10/26): 6:30pm - Bible Information Class

Sunday (11/1): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship  
9:25am – Adult Bible Study

**Serving Today**

Music: 8:00 - Rachel Wilson

10:30 - Nick Koren

Acolyte: 10:30—Aryssa Kingsborough

Elder: David Mosakowski

**Serving Next Week**

Music: 8:00 - Chris Haring

10:30 - Aiden Berg

Acolyte: 10:30—Noah Raines

Elder: David Mosakowski

**Attendance Last Week**

8:00 a.m.— 33

10:30 a.m.— 26

Total: 59

Yearly Average: 95

% of Members in Worship: 39%

**2020-2021 Year to Date Offerings Through August 31**

General Offering Received: \$29,819.13

General Offering Budgeted: \$41,538.46

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$11,719.33)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (9 weeks): \$3,313.24

Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (9 weeks): \$4,615.38

**Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future**

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

Received Last Week: \$25.00

Total received to date: \$366,801.42

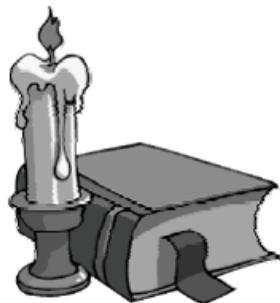
# Kids Pages



# The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10

Based on Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)



R U D N Q C O R N E R S E L C  
Z N E I K P M P G U E S T S V  
N X D O N O A E Z G T P N Z S  
O Q P N D N L R C B J D E P E  
B P Z G W T E T A O X V B U R  
X A N R T I E R U B M S A G V  
H I N A R E B W I K L E M R A  
K R C Q R C A E N J C E T Q N  
H Z U T U Z H D V L Q G S G T  
E F S G T E W D I C Q M B F S  
A T F L N S T I T S I Y M I T  
V K L E L K L N E B E D R L P  
E Z R K P S O G D X S R S L I  
N D U T R E F U S E D Q L E J  
N W A U D V I Z T N P J G D L

PARABLES	STREET	INVITED	BANQUET
GUESTS	HEAVEN	KINGDOM	CORNERS
SERVANTS	CATTLE	COME	OXEN
FILLED	REFUSED	WEDDING	DINNER