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“WE GROW IN GOD’S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD’S WORD”

The First Sunday in Advent

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

He comes both to destroy and to save. Get ready!

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 30, "RISE, ARISE"



1 Rise, a - rise! Rise, a - rise! Chris-tians, rise to
2 Oh, re - joice! Oh, re - joice! Christ has come as
3 Crown him King! Crown him King! His ex - alt - ed



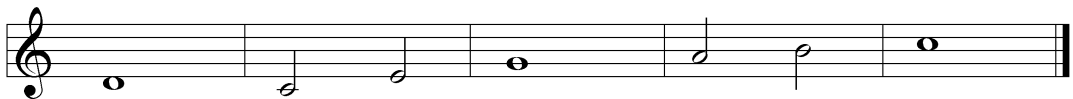
greet your King. O - pen wide the gates be - fore him;
long fore - told. The Mes - si - ah long - ex - spect - ed,
name con - fess. From his heav'n - ly throne de - scend - ing,



Let the glad ho - san - nas ring; Haste to wor - ship
The in - car - nate Word be - hold! Though by earth - ly
Je - sus, Lord our right - eous - ness, Brings us joy and



and a - dore him. Hark! The watch - man on the moun - tain
kings re - ject - ed, Hail him Lord of all with might - y
peace un - end - ing. Oh, let heart and tongue his prais - es



cries: Rise, a - rise! Rise, a - rise!
voice. Oh, re - joice! Oh, re - joice!
sing! Crown him King! Crown him King!

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: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 63:16B-17, 64:1-8

you, Lord, are our Father,
our Redeemer from of old is your name.

¹⁷Why, Lord, do you make us wander from your ways
and harden our hearts so we do not revere you?

Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes that are your inheritance.

¹Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

²As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!

³For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.

How then can we be saved?

⁶All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.

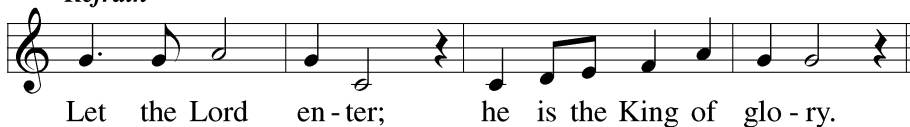
⁸Yet you, Lord, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

*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 24*

Refrain



Let the Lord en-ter; he is the King of glo-ry.

Psalm tone



The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,*
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas*
and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*

Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?*
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?*
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**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: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)



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 24:36-44

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴²“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED



SERMON HYMN, CW #2, "SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME"



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
 3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
 4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -
 5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
 vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
 cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing
 God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
 God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
 death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
 Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt.
 Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geystiliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.

SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 24:36-44

SERMON THEME:

He Brings Light to the Darkness

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: O Lord, our Father and Redeemer, from everlasting You are God.

C: With joy and thanksgiving we acknowledge that we are indebted to You for our existence

M: Without You we cannot live, and apart from You life has no meaning.

C: Bend down Your ear and listen as we pray.

M: For keeping Your promise to send a Savior,

C: accept our praise.

M: For keeping Your promise to send a Savior,

C: we adore Your name.

M: As we look at all the grace you have given us through Your Church,

C: may we show our gratefulness with our words and actions.

M: As we begin to prepare for our Savior's birthday, send us the Holy Spirit.

C: Give us true spiritual insight that we may recognize Him as David's Son and David's Lord.

M: May we welcome Your Son Jesus Christ into our hearts year around.

C: Grant that he enrich our lives as we work for Him.

M: Keep us all busy serving in Your kingdom.

C: Give us wisdom to give back to You an offering of thanks because You have given us so much.

These requests we bring along with our private prayers and requests

Silent prayer.

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 #3, "LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YOU MIGHTY GATES"



1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be -
 2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, His
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make
 5 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My



hold, the King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is
 char - iot is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is
 Christ the rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and
 it a tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for
 heart to you; here, Lord, a - bide! Oh, en - ter with your



draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here.
 ho - li - ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress.
 hap - py homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes!
 heav'n's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 sav - ing grace; Show me your kind and friend - ly face.



Life and sal - va - tion he will bring; There -
 The end of all our woe he brings; There -
 The cloud - less sun of joy is he Who
 So shall your Sov - 'reign en - ter in And
 Your Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on Un -



fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To God the Fa - ther
 fore the earth is glad and sings. To Christ the Sav - ior
 comes to set his peo - ple free. To God the Spir - it
 new and no - bler life be - gin. To God a - lone be
 til our glo - rious goal is won. E - ter - nal praise and



raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
 raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
 raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
 praise For word and deed and grace!
 fame We of - fer to your name.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR (88 88 88 66) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704.

PLEASE STAND

CLOSING PRAYER

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. 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 Matthew Guse

At the call meeting on November 5, our congregation unanimously called Pastor Matthew Guse from St. Peter Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac, WI to serve as our next shepherd. Please keep Pastor Guse, his wife Elizabeth, and their family in your prayers during this time of deliberation. Our members are encouraged to reach out to Pastor Guse 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.

920.517.9000 cell (call or text) pastorguse@stpetersfdl.net

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 Mobile: 727-938-6321

Thanksgiving Food Drive Our annual Fall Food Drive has started and will continue through the first part of December. Every year at this time, we gather food to donate to Metropolitan Ministries to help feed those less fortunate than us. This is a great way for us to put our faith into action and to use what God has given us to his glory and to serve others. While we are not big enough here to host our own pantry, we collect food so that we can direct those who are needy to Metropolitan ministries to receive the physical help that they need. Please purchase and bring in non-perishable food items.

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 (11/30) 6:30pm - MLT Meeting
Sunday (12/6): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship
9:25am – Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: 8:00 - Dane Mattes

Acolyte: 10:30—Noah Raines

Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:00 - Rachel Wilson
10:30 - Nick Koren

Acolyte: 10:30—Hailey Mattes

Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.— 10

10:30 a.m.— 36

Total: 46

Yearly Average: 95

% of Members in Worship: 39%

2020-2021 Year to Date Offerings Through October 31, 2020

General Offering Received: \$60,656

General Offering Budgeted: \$79,934

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$19,278)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (17 weeks): \$3,568

Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (17 weeks): \$4,702

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

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

Received Last Week: \$125.00

Total received to date: \$368,234.42

Kids Page

In the Potter's Hand

Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8

The puzzle is based on Psalm 100



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

CLAY	POTTER	NAME	CALLS	WORK
SIN	LORD	DOWN	FACE	SAVED
ANGRY	HIDDEN	HAND	COME	ISAIAH

CLAY IN THE POTTER'S HAND



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