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

Christmas Day

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 Glory of Him Who Came to Be Our Savior

CALL TO WORSHIP

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

THE "SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT" IS A VERSION OF THE HISTORIC LITURGY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

OPENING HYMN, CW #55, "OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"



1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, Oh,
2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion;
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes,
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n,



Come and be - hold him, Born the King of an - gels.
On - ly be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est.
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing.

Refrain



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Oh, come, let us a - dore him,



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

PLEASE STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you;

C: He is Christ the Lord!

M: Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: For he has done marvelous things;

M: The Lord has made his salvation known

C: and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

M: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,

C: burst into jubilant song with music;

M: make music to the Lord with the harp,

C: with the harp and the sound of singing,

M: With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn -

C: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

CONFESSION

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of

Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of nine staves of music. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C:'. The melody features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second, third, and fourth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (F major) in the final staff.

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, grant that the birth of your one and only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

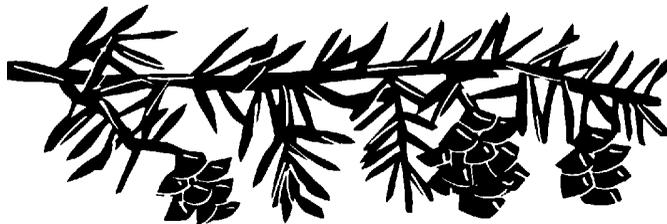
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THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.⁹ Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.¹⁰ The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. (NIV)



*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

THE SECOND LESSON: HEBREW 1:1-9

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

⁶ And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷ In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire."

⁸ But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom." ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." (NIV)



HYMN, CW #36 "A GREAT AND MIGHT WONDER"



1 A great and might - y won - der, A
 2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And
 3 While thus they sing your mon - arch, Those
 4 Since all he comes to ran - som, By
 5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And



glo - rious mys - ter - y: A vir - gin bears an
 yet re - mains on high, And cher - u - bim sing
 bright an - gel - ic bands, Re - joice, O vales and
 all be he a - dored, The in - fant born in
 Sa - tan's ly - ing cease, And Christ shall raise his



in - fant Who veils his de - i - ty.
 an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
 moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
 Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
 scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain



Re - peat the hymn a - gain: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace on earth to men."

Text: Germanus, c. 634–734; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: ES IST EIN ROS (76 76 676) *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599.

PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 1:1-14

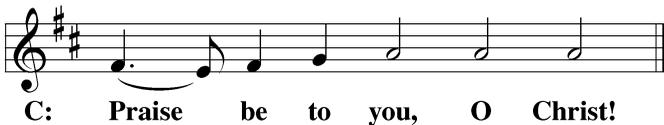
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning.

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

⁶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (NIV)



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SERMON HYMN, CW #33 " ALL PRAISE TO YOU, ETERNAL GOD "



1 All praise to you, e - ter - nal God! Now clothed in
2 Once did the skies be - fore you bow; A vir - gin's
3 O lit - tle Child, you were our guest That wear - y
4 You came to us in dark - est night To make us
5 All this your love for us has done; By this our



hu - man flesh and blood, You took a man-ger for your throne
arms con - tain you now While an - gels, who in you re - joice,
ones in you might rest; For - lorn and low - ly was your birth
chil - dren of the light; Like an - gels in the realms di - vine
love for you is won; For this our joy - ful songs we raise



While worlds on worlds are yours a - lone. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now lis - ten for your in - fant voice. Al - le - lu - ia!
That we might rise to heav'n from earth. Al - le - lu - ia!
A - round your throne we, too, will shine. Al - le - lu - ia!
And shout our thanks in cease - less praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, c. 1370, abr., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-5; tr. *The Sabbath Hymn Book*, New York, 1858, alt.

Tune: GELOBET SEIST DU, JESU CHRIST (LM with Alleluia) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524.

SERMON TEXT: 1 JOHN 4:9-10

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

SERMON THEME:

GOD GIVES US HIS VERY BEST

PLEASE STAND

A Christmas Creed—A Confession of Our Faith in the Triune God

I believe in God the Father almighty, who sent His Son to be my Savior.

And I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshiped by the shepherds, adored by the wise men, who lived to suffer, die and rise again, to free me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in my Savior, and by whose continuous work in my heart I rejoice in my salvation again this Christmas. I will show forth his praises and will one day live and reign with him in all eternity.

This is most certainly true. Amen

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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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Praise, honor, glory be to You, O Lord our God.

C: With angels we magnify Your name: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men.”

M: We adore Your divine goodness and praise You for sending deliverance and fulfilling Your promises. For rejoicing more in earthly presents than in Your heavenly present of Your Son, forgive us O Lord.

C: For those times we tell more about our earthly treasures than our eternal treasure Jesus, forgive us O Lord.

M: Accept our thanks for the eternal gift conceived out of love for this world.

C: Accept our thanks, O Lord, for bringing the knowledge of this divine truth to us.

M: Bless the musicians, singers and messengers who proclaim the birth of Your Son around the world.

C: May many hearts receive the good news of a Savior born for them in Bethlehem.

M: May these glad tidings bring hope to the discouraged and peace to the troubled.

C: May the lonely this Christmas season see in the Christmas message the assurance of Your presence.

M: May the peace of Christmas fill our nation and the nations of this world.

C: This we ask in the name of our Savior, Christ the Lord.

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

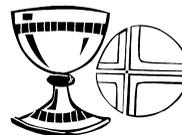
Silent Prayer

M: Let us join in the prayer that Jesus has taught us

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Northdale Lutheran practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of Northdale Lutheran or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament today. If you have questions about becoming a member to partake of the sacrament, please speak to pastor after worship.



PREFACE

(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. When the time had fully come, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



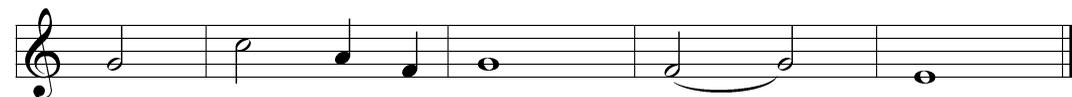
C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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DISTRIBUTION

(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.)

GUESTS: SO THAT THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE PASTOR BEFORE COMMUNING WITH US.

MEMBERS: WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE "PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION" ON PAGE 156 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

CW #369, "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR"



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion



Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
Than all the an - gels in the sky.
Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

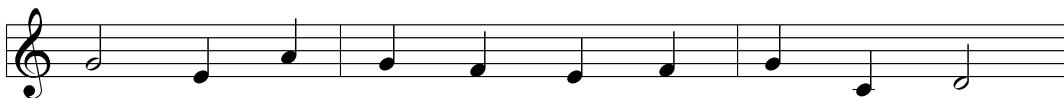
CW #315 "HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE YOU FACE TO FACE"



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 2 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;
 5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.
 An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.
 Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:
 The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.
 My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.
 Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.
 Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, abr., alt.
 Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595-1662.

PLEASE STAND

SONG OF THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

FINAL PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Parting Hymn CW #62 "Joy to the World"



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And



earth re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry
all their songs em - ploy, While fields and
thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to
makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



heart pre - pare him room And heav'n and
floods, rocks, hills, and plains Re - peat the
make his bless - ings flow Far as the
of his right - eous - ness And won - ders



na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far
of his love, And won - ders of his love, And



heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
as, far as the curse is found.
won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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Announcements

God's blessings as you leave his house of worship today, rejoicing in what a great and awesome Savior we have in Jesus Christ. May the peace which he alone can bring between God and man guard and keep you throughout this season and the whole year through. Christ is born! Merry Christmas!

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

For over two thousand years the Christian world has marked the passing of time from the year of Jesus birth. Recognizing his coming into the world as the central event in the story of humankind, Christians count the years before his birth as B.C. (Before Christ) and the years after his birth as A.D. (Anno Domini, the Year of our Lord.)

An event so important wasn't just celebrated for a day or two. Early Christians would celebrate Christmas for twelve days. (You are perhaps familiar with the song The Twelve Days of Christmas). Our celebration of Christ's birth will follow that ancient pattern. Here is another opportunity to worship in this Christmas season:

Sunday, December 27 at 8:00 & 10:30 AM—We gather to thank God for the year that has gone by and to ask for his blessings on the year before us. We give praise to God that in all things we know that he cares for us.

Please join us for this worship opportunity!

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