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

Second Sunday of Christmas

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

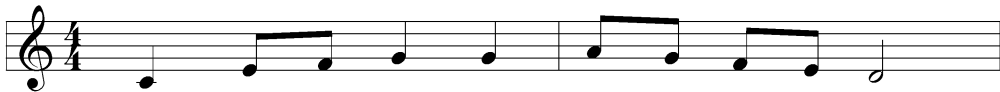
The Two Great Miracles of Christmas

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 #707, "PEACE CAME TO EARTH"



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held
3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And
The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The
In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In
How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but
wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but
bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but
else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

The picturesque language of this Jaroslav Vajda hymn vividly illustrates the weighty significance of God becoming man in Christ.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)

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

C: **And also with you**

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:



C: A - men.

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;

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, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: MICAH 5:2-5A

² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” ³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he will be their peace. (NIV)

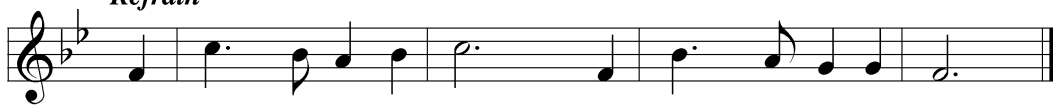


***The Word of God**

“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

PSALM OF THE DAY: 148

Refrain



For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD from the heavens,*
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,*
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

Praise the LORD from the earth,*
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**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: HEBREWS 2:10-18

¹⁰ In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹² He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation, I will sing your praises.” ¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. (NIV)

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia.
(Psalm 98:3b)



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: JOHN 7:40-43

⁴⁰ On hearing his words, some of the people said, “Surely this man is the Prophet.”

⁴¹ Others said, “He is the Christ.”

Still others asked, “How can the Christ come from Galilee? ⁴² Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David’s family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?” ⁴³ Thus the people were divided because of Jesus.

⁴⁴ Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him. (NIV)



BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN, CW #34 “ NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE ”



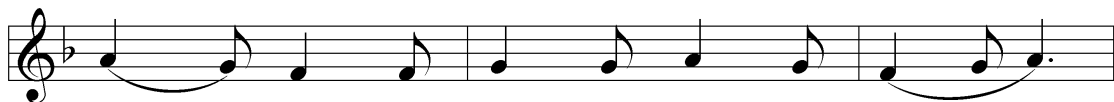
1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to
 3 Now through his Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di -
 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly



voice; He from whom joy stream - eth Poor
 thee. Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O
 vine. Death o'er us had reign - ed Through
 ground? Where the an - gels sing - ing With



in a man - ger lies; Not so bright - ly
 pure and ho - ly Child; Through thy grace and
 sin and van - i - ty; He for us ob -
 all his saints u - nite, Sweet - est prais - es



beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
 mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
 tain - ed E - ter - nal joy on high.
 bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to thee! Draw me un - to thee!
 May we praise him there! May we praise him there!
 Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt.
 Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO (66 66 66 55) German melody, 14th century, alt.

SERMON TEXT: JOHN 7:40-43

SERMON THEME:

AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS DEMANDS A RESPONSE

PLEASE STAND

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

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: O God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ,

C: We praise and adore you for choosing us in him before the creation of the world.

M: We cannot understand how this is possible, but we believe it because of the clear testimony of your word.

C: You destined us in love to be your children through your Son, according to the purpose of your will.

M: You have chosen us, Lord, that we should be holy and blameless before you.

C: Because of the weakness of our flesh, however, we are unable to achieve your purpose.

M: Thanks to you, for through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have made us holy and blameless.

C: He took upon himself our flesh and dwelt among us.

M: He revealed your glory as a light shining in the darkness.

C: For this, your grace and mercy. accept our humble thanks.

M: As you sent John the Baptist to point to the light, which shines in the darkness, so also empower us with your spirit to bear witness to that light.

C: You have given us power to receive him, to believe in his name, and to become your children.

M: For the grace and truth that we have received through him,

C: we give you thanks.

Special intercessions

M: Now, Lord, in your mercy hear us as we bring you our private petitions.

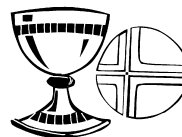
Silent Prayer

M: Lord, in your mercy, hear us as we pray the prayer 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.

BE SEATED

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.

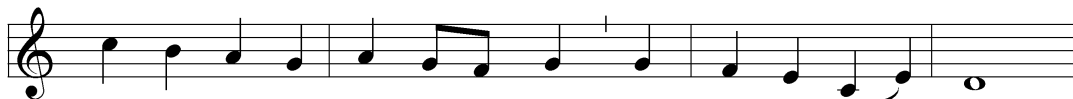
MEMBERS: WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE "PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION" ON PAGE 156 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.



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



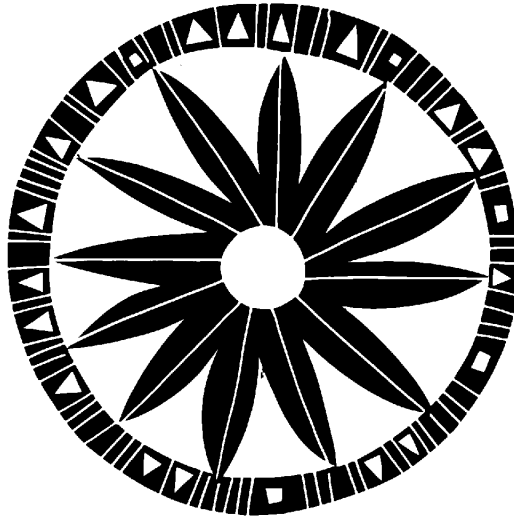
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



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



world; grant us your peace. A - men.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

CW #37, "ONCE AGAIN MY HEART REJOICES "



1 Once a - gain my heart re - joic - es As I hear
2 Hear! The con - quer - or has spo - ken: "Now the foe,
3 Should we still fear God's dis - pleas - ure, Who, to save,
4 God be - comes the vic - tim, tak - ing Man-kind's place
5 Soft - ly from his low - ly man - ger Je - sus calls



Far and near Sweet - est an - gel voic - es.
Sin and woe, Death and hell are bro - ken!"
Free - ly gave His most pre - cious treas - ure?
By his grace, Full a - tone - ment mak - ing.
One and all, "You are safe from dan - ger.



"Christ is born!" their choirs are sing - ing Till the air
God is man, man to de - liv - er, And the Son
To re - deem us he has giv - en His own Son
For our life his own he ten - ders, And his grace
Chil - dren, from the sins that grieve you You are freed;



Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.
Now is one With our blood for - ev - er.
From the throne Of his might in heav - en.
All our race Fit for glo - ry ren - ders.
All you need I will sure - ly give you."

6 Come, then, banish all your sadness!
One and all,
Great and small,
Come with songs of gladness;
We shall live with him forever
There on high
In that joy
Which will vanish never.

CW #66, "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - - - y, And,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
 gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
 won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts To
 scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
 an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
 hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
 en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 No ear may hear his com - ing, But
 We hear the Christ - mas an - - gels The



ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 in this world of sin Where meek souls will Re -
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -



all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King And peace to all the earth.
 ceive him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillip Brooks, 1835-93, abr., alt.
 Tune: FOREST GREEN (86 446 76 446) English melody, adapt.

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.

BE SEATED

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Announcements:

Pastor Guse Installation

It was announced December 6 that Pastor Matthew Guse accepted our call to serve as our next shepherd. He and his wife, Elizabeth, will be transitioning from Fond du Lac, WI to Northdale the middle of January. We look forward to welcoming them into our Northdale family. We will be installing Pastor Guse Sunday, January 17 during a 3:30 PM service with a catered meal to follow. Thank you to Jennifer Storm helping plan the meal. Please RSVP online using this link so we can plan accordingly for the meal: <https://forms.gle/6uiPbLt8ifPjmp4g8>. Your RSVP is needed by Sunday, January 10.

Gift Card Shower for the Guse Family - We praise God for answering our prayers and sending us a new pastor. With joy, we welcome Pastor Guse, his wife, and family to our Northdale family. As you are able, please purchase a gift card to a local store or restaurant for the Guse's. You may bring them in any time in January and place them in the designated bin in the back of the church. Gift cards can also be dropped off at (or mailed to) the church office throughout the week. Thank you!

2021 Offering Envelopes in Mailboxes: The offering envelopes for 2021 are in your mailboxes. Please make it a point to stop by your mailbox on the way out of worship and pick up your envelopes.

Face Coverings for Worship

The Ministry Leadership Team has decided to require face coverings for the 8:00 AM service and Bible class at 9:25 AM. 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. It is the intent of the MLT that this change would remove barriers that may exist for those that feel strongly about wearing masks while also presenting options for those that 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 (1/10): 8:00 & 10:30 AM - Worship
 9:25 AM – Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: Joel Mattes

Acolyte: 10:30 - Carolyn Mattes

Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: Dane Mattes

Acolyte: 10:30—Hailey Mattes

Elder: Dave Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.— 9

10:30 a.m.— 49

Total: 57

Yearly Average: 85

% of Members in Worship: 31%

2020-2021 Year to Date Offerings Through November 30, 2020

General Offering Received: \$79,084

General Offering Budgeted: \$100,000

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$20,915.84)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (22 weeks): \$3,595

Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (22 weeks): \$4,545

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

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

Received Last Week: \$10,475.00

Total received to date: \$376,579.42