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

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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.



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 389, "ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME"



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -



my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood
thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,
thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,
lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,



From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the
Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could
Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the
See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.
foun - tain fly— Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!

Text: August M. Toplady, 1740–78, alt.

Tune: TOPLADY (77 77 77) Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872.

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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30)

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: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

Let us hang on every Word of God, for by it alone we are saved and brought into a closer fellowship with him.

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.”

¹⁷The Lord said to me: “What they say is good. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.” (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, *PSALM 1*

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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: 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

When dealing with matters of adiaphora (things God has neither commanded nor forbidden), let us do everything in love. Let us use our Christian freedom to build up and serve our fellow man.

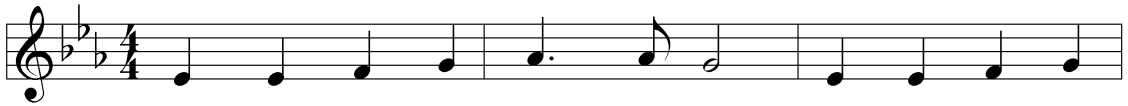
Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. ²Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. ³But whoever loves God is known by God.

⁴So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” ⁵For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), ⁶yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

⁷But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

⁹Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol’s temple, won’t that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹²When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall. (NIV)

SERMON HYMN, CW #385, "CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE"



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me. All my wants to him are known;
and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–c. 1870, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

PLEASE STAND

SERMON TEXT: MARK 1:21-28

Wherever the Word is preached in truth, there the devil is trying to turn people away from the truth. But the power of the Gospel is more powerful to heal, than the power of the devil is to destroy.

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.”

²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. (NIV)

"Jesus Always Makes An Impression"

- 1. His first impression**
- 2. His lasting impression**

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 Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

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 #367, "CHRIST BE MY LEADER"



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



Safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way.
Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.
Death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care;
Grant me to trust him, though shift - ing as sand.
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can



Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
Doubt can - not daunt me— in Je - sus I stand!
touch my sal - va - tion— with Je - sus I reign!

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Tune: SLANE (Irregular) Irish folk tune.

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:

Baptism Today

Stina Emily Smayling will be baptized in the 10:30 service today. We thank the Lord for a healthy birth into this world, and today rejoice in her rebirth into the kingdom of God through the cleansing waters of baptism. May the Lord continue to bless Stina in her Christian faith now, and in the years of life to come.

Call Received

On January 12 Mr. Dane Mattes, our academy principal and teacher, received a divine call to serve as principal at Bloomington Living Hope Lutheran School in Bloomington/Shakopee, MN. This is a unique multisite ministry serving the community on a large scale. Your comments and prayers are appreciated as Mr. Mattes considers where the Lord would have him serve next school year.

Faith Works!

In a world where people view faith in anything as ultimately a lost cause, the faith that God works in us is never failing. Come and see how the faith of the Ephesians allowed them to live at peace with God in such a chaotic time. Faith works, not because it is our faith, but because faith is a gift from God! Join us for Sunday morning Bible Study in the sanctuary at 9:25am. Come and see! Come and learn!

It's Time To Meet!

I would like to set up an every member visit, to introduce myself and my wife and get to know your family personally. There is a master sign up sheet in the school office during the week and in the church entryway on Sunday mornings. You can also call the church/school office 813-961-9195 to set up a time that works best for you. Families do have the option of meeting with me at your homes or at church, just specify your preference. These visits are for all members, or prospective members regardless of whether I have already briefly met you. We look forward to a wonderful ministry together!

In Christ,

Pastor Guse

Preferred Enrollment Period for Northdale Families

New for the 2021-2022 school year, NCA will be implementing a preferred enrollment period for current NCA families and members of Northdale Lutheran Church through February 28. Current families with siblings new to NCA need to complete the online application for enrollment prior to February 28 to qualify for preferred enrollment. The \$75 application fee will appear as a credit on your first tuition payment. The re-enrollment fee (K-8 only) will be \$400 per child through February 28. The fee will increase to \$500 March 1 and \$600 April 1. New family applications to NCA will be given enrollment opportunity starting March 1. 2021-2022 applications from families new to NCA are already being received. Current NCA families received an email from TADS with re-enrollment directions. The application for enrollment can be found on our website:

NorthdaleChristianAcademy.org. Please speak with Mr. Mattes if you have any NCA enrollment questions.

Have you noticed our improved audio/visual capabilities?

You may have noticed if you have been watching the livestream church services, our audio and visual capabilities have improved significantly over the past several months. We are continuing to improve the product we put out to the world digitally and as a result, we need to bring our volunteers up to speed on the new systems. If you are interested in providing audio/visual support during church services, please plan on attending a training session on January 24, 2021, immediately following the 10:30 AM church service. We will cover the new audio/visual setup, as well as the new streaming software we will be using. Training should last about 30 minutes. If you have questions, speak to Jared Kassulke, jaredkassulke@yahoo.com, or Brad Storm, bradstorm@gmail.com.

We need ushers!!

If you are interested in serving our congregation as an usher, please contact David Mosakowski (davidmosakowski@yahoo.com; 813/340-1960). Ushers typically serve on a rotational schedule, so if you're interested please include your preference for serving at the 8:00 or 10:30 worship service. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve.

Sunday School Teachers

Thanks be to God that He has brought many young children to our congregation! We paused our Sunday School and Youth Group classes in March but would like to resume in the near future. If you are willing to serve as a teacher (or teacher's assistant), please contact David Mosakowski (DavidMosakowski@yahoo.com; 813/340-1960). This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the young children of our congregation with God's Word. There are easy-to-follow lesson plans and training opportunities for those who haven't served in this role before, so please reach out if you're interested.

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.

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

Pastor Matthew Guse:	920-517-9000	Pastor@NorthdaleLutheran.org
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Joanne Mattes: 920-588-7596 Joanne.Mattes@NorthdaleLutheran.org
Bethany Schwartz: 920-222-9279 Bethany.Schwartz@NorthdaleLutheran.org

This Week:

Monday (2/2): 6:30 PM - Marketing Team Meeting

Sunday (2/7): 8:00 & 10:30 AM - Worship

9:25 AM - Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: 8:00 - Dane Mattes
10:30 -Dane Mattes

Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:00 -Rachel Wilson
10:30 - Ethan Jaeger

Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m. — 20

10:30 a.m.—64

Total: 84

Yearly Average: 156

% of Members in Worship: 39%

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

General Offering Received: \$98,818.62

General Offering Budgeted: \$120,000

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$21,181.38)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (26 weeks): \$3,800

Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (26 weeks): \$4,615

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

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

Received Last Week: \$25.00

Total received to date: \$377,004.42

Kids Pages

Jesus Drives Out an Unclean Spirit

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." Mark 1:27



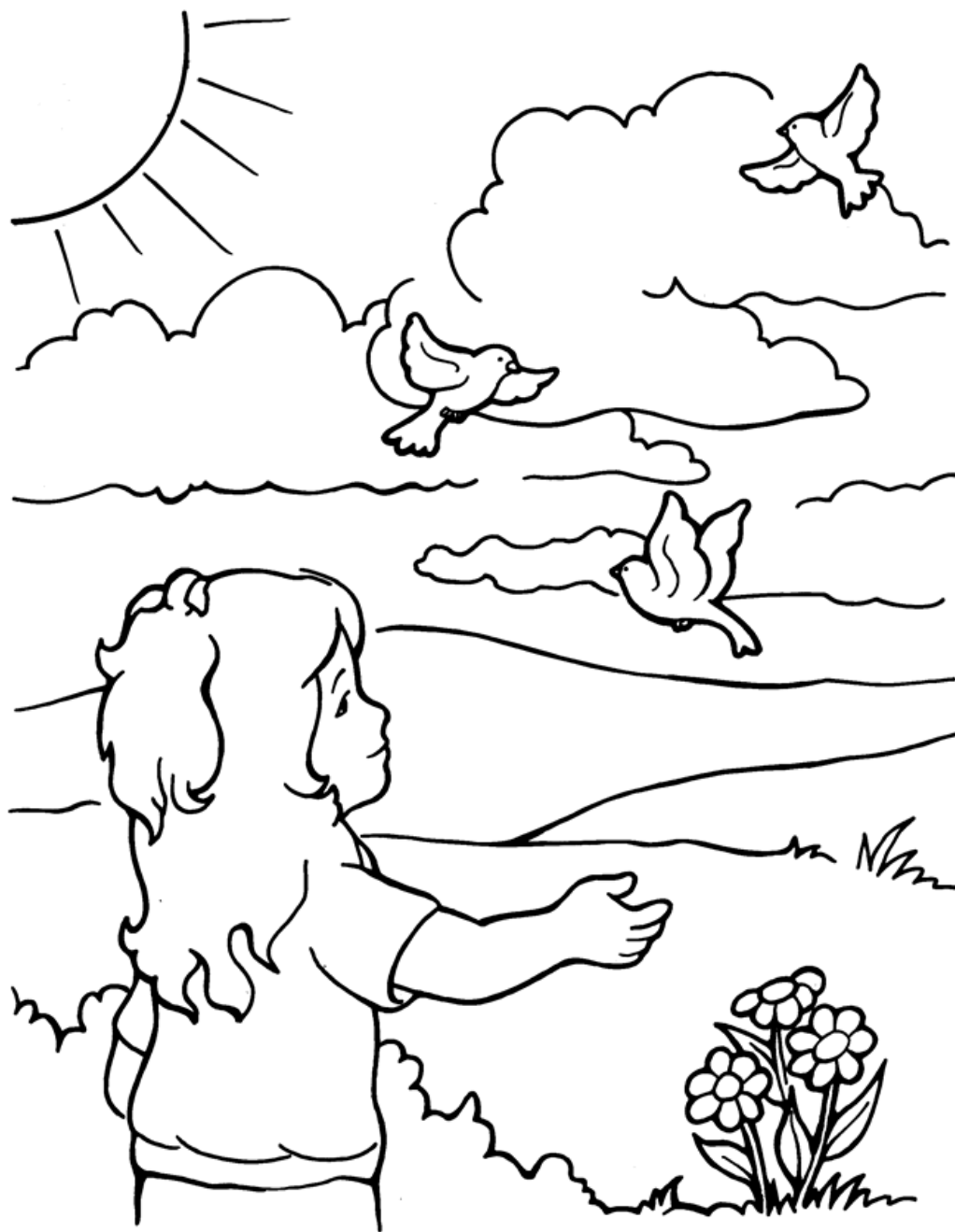
The puzzle is based on Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 3-15-13-5 _____
- 19-16-9-18-9-20 _____
- 19-1-2-2-1-20-8 _____
- 20-5-1-3-8 _____
- 10-5-19-21-19 _____
- 4-5-19-20-18-15-25 _____
- 17-21-9-5-20 _____
- 9-13-16-21-18-5 _____

COME JESUS	SPIRIT DESTROY	SABBATH QUIET	TEACH IMPURE
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Jesus is more powerful than anything!