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

Third Sunday In Lent

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

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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

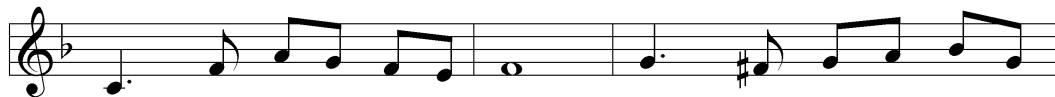
OPENING HYMN, CW #411 "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



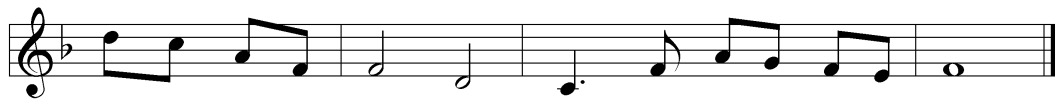
griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

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, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; 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.

BE SEATED

The Passion History Reading

(Taken from the 4 Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

Jesus Before Pontius Pilate

Very early in the morning, at daybreak, the chief priests with the elders, the teachers of the law, and the whole Sanhedrin met together, and Jesus was led before them. “If you are the Christ,” they said, “tell us.”

He answered, “If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the Mighty God.”

They all asked, “Are you then the Son of God?”

He replied, “You are right in saying I am.”

Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips.”

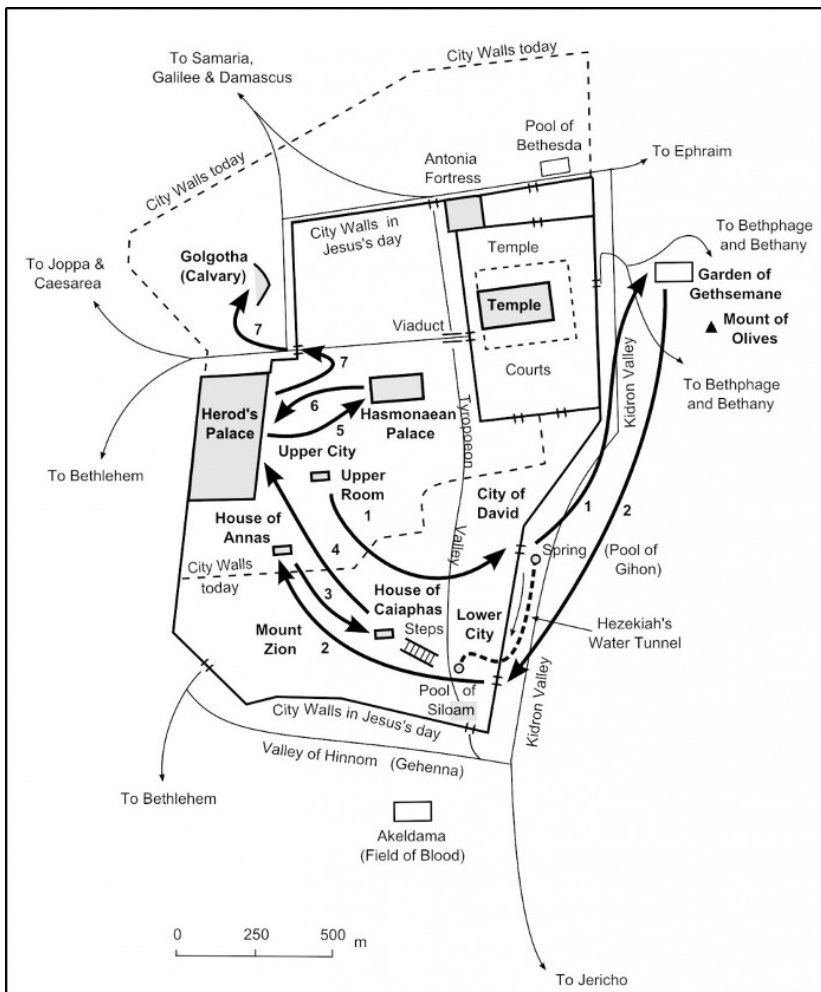
The whole assembly rose. They bound Jesus and led him before Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

When Judas, who betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is unlawful to put this money



into the treasury, since it is blood money.” So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded.”

By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace. They wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?”

“If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.”

Pilate said, “Take him and judge him by your own law.”

“But we have no right to execute anyone,” the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

Then the chief priests and elders began to accuse him saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king.”

Pilate then went back inside the palace and summoned Jesus. Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Is that your idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

“Do you think I am a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your chief priests and your people who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

“What is truth?” Pilate asked. With this he went out to the Jews, and announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I found no basis for a charge against this man.”

#112 There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

This Lenten Great was written by William Cowper of England in the 1700s. After his mother died when he was 6, his life was riddled with broken relationships, nervous disorders, mental illness, career failures. He was daily tormented by the thought of being damned, for “How could God ever love a miserable person like himself?”

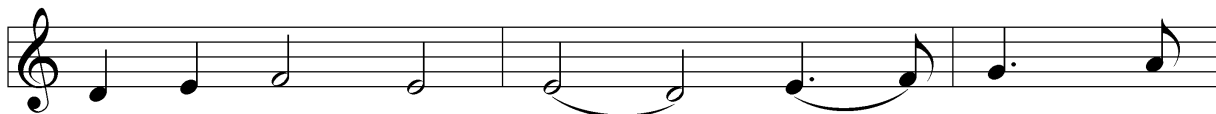
Even though William Cowper lived a life of earthly struggle, he never let go of Christ. Through God’s Word he came to realize, his salvation didn’t depend on who he was or what he could give to God, but salvation comes only through the blood of Christ, the blood Christ shed for sinners like himself.

Cowper’s hymn, There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood, is a confession that only by the blood of Christ are we redeemed and forgiven. Only by the blood of Christ are we healed and made whole. Only by the blood of Christ will we one day stand in heaven and sing God’s praises evermore.

SERMON HYMN, CW #112 "THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD"



1 There is a foun - tain filled with blood— Im -
 2 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see That
 3 Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood Shall
 4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream Your
 5 When this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue Lies



man - u - el was slain— And sin - ners
 foun - tain in his day; And there have
 nev - er lose its pow'r Till all the
 flow - ing wounds sup - ply, Re - deem - ing
 si - lent in the grave, Then in a



who are washed there - in Lose ev - 'ry
 I, as vile as he, Washed all my
 ran - somed Church of God Be saved and
 love has been my theme And shall be
 no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your



guilt - y stain, Lose ev - 'ry guilt - y stain.
 sins a - way, Washed all my sins a - way.
 sin no more, Be saved and sin no more.
 till I die, And shall be till I die.
 pow'r to save, I'll sing your pow'r to save.

Text: William Cowper, 1731–1800. abr., alt.
 Tune: COWPER (CM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

SERMON TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;

the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (NIV)

SERMON THEME:

“FOOLS FOR CHRIST”

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Since we believe in the Biblical principle found in 1 Corinthians 11:26, that communion at the Lord's table is a confession of faith, we ask that nonmembers please speak with pastor before communing. Thank you.

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. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifices for our sins of the whole world. 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



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.

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.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

CW #310, "I COME, O SAVIOR, TO YOUR TABLE"



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Oh, grant that I in man - ner wor - thy May now trust
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Oh, let me loathe all sin for - ev - er As death and
 5 Your heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a - lone are
 sole - ly in your Word, And, con - sci - ous of the sins be -
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet you your lamb will ban - ish
 poi - son to my soul, That I through will - ful sin - ning
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to you in faith are

Refrain



a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 fore me, Look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
 nev - er, Nor will your faith - ful - ness de - part. Lord, may your
 nev - er May see your judg - ment take its toll!
 turn - ing; So let me, too, come trust - ing - ly.



bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

6 Weary am I and heavy laden;
 With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
 Receive me graciously and gladden
 My heart, for I am now your guest.

Refrain

11 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
 Your blood, which you for me have shed—
 These are my life and strength forever;
 By them my hungry soul is fed.

Refrain

7 You here will find a heart most lowly
 That feels unworthy in your sight,
 That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
 Your merit pleads, as it is right.

Refrain

12 With you, Lord, I am now united;
 I live in you and you in me.
 No sorrow fills my soul; delighted,
 It finds its peace on Calvary.

Refrain

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

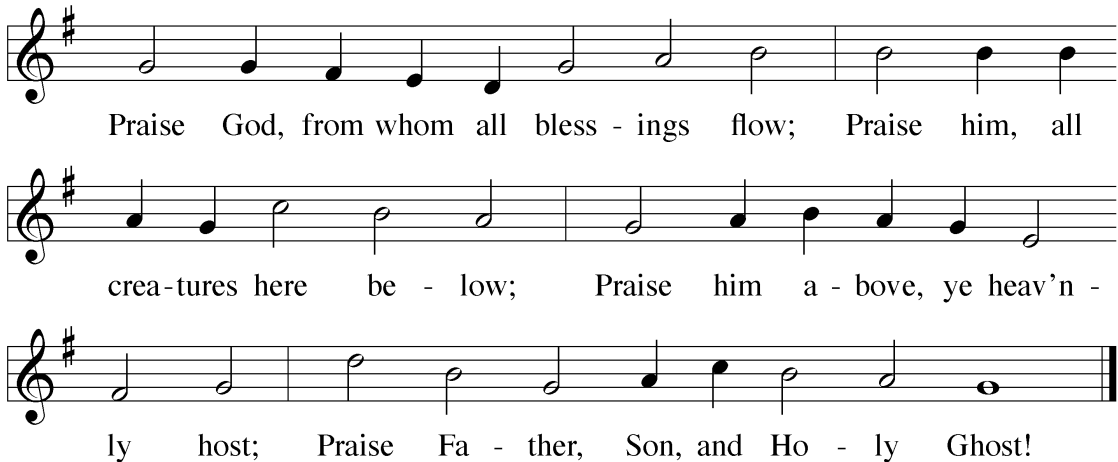
M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

CLOSING HYMN #334, "PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

BE SEATED

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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:

March 27 Outdoor Work Day

There will be an outdoor work day Saturday, March 27 beginning at 8:00 AM. Members of Northdale Lutheran Church & Academy are invited to help clean up our campus ahead of Easter. Mateo Amaya, one of our members, will be completing a landscaping service project around the front and side of the church. If you are interested in donating to this effort, you can make a charitable contribution toward it. Please indicate your gift is for the landscaping improvement project. Thank you for your support and volunteerism March 27.

Egg Hunt Donations!

In between our Easter Festival Services, we will be having an Easter fellowship time with food and an egg hunt. We have the plastic eggs, but we need donations of candy to fill them. Please bring in your donated bags of candy and you can drop them off in the church entryway or school office. *** Please no chocolates or anything that melts in the sun. We are looking for things like starbursts, now and laters, hard candies, jelly beans, skittles, and the like. Thank you.

Easter Day & Worship Schedule

Our Easter Festival Services will be at 8:00am and 10:30am.

There will be an Easter Breakfast and egg hunt between services starting at 9:15am.

**** Easter Breakfast Note:

The Easter Breakfast will be potluck, please use the sign-up sheet in the entryway as to what you may be bringing. The Easter Breakfast will be served outside with tables and chairs. The breakfast will also be served by our servers - you can ask for what you want, but they will make your plate. The servers will be serving using masks and gloves, and the silverware will be individually wrapped.

Looking for PC Monitor!

The church office is in need of a PC Monitor to help with transferring files. *We find it hard to transfer files without being to look at and see them!* We are not looking for a new monitor, just an extra one someone may have lying around the house that the church office could use for a time. If you have an extra monitor, let Pastor Guse know, and thank you in advance.

Moms and Tots is back!

We took a break from Moms and Tots last year, but we are so glad to be able to offer it again. Moms and Tots is a playgroup for parents and children age 18 months- 4 years old. It is an opportunity for your child to play and learn and for you to have other moms to connect with. We will meet on Saturday mornings at 10:00AM. You can still register on our website, www.northdalelutheran.org. For the well-being of all families, we will follow these [health and safety guidelines](#), also found on our website. Please email Joanne Mattes at momsandtots@northdalelutheran.org if you have any questions. We hope to see you soon!

Pastor & Members

It has been a blessing getting to know our members through personal visits. If you have not had a chance to meet with Liz and myself, there are signup sheets with times available in the entryway of church, or you can call the church office to schedule a visit. Beginning this week, I will be making phone calls to schedule visits with you. Thank you for this joy and privilege.

Sunday School Time!

Sunday School is back in session for grades Pre-K thru 8th grade. All classes meet in the school building at 9:15am. What a great opportunity for our children to grow in their friendships and faith. Sunday school will run from now until the end of May.

4 Weeks of Angels & Demons!

How many angels are there? Are there such things as guardian angels? Where did the devil come from? Is there demon possession today? We have started a 4 week study on what Scripture says about these heavenly beings and their workings in the earthly realms. **Sunday Morning Bible Study Hour, 9:20am.**

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 (3/8):	6:00 PM - SMB Meeting
Sunday (3/14):	8:00 & 10:30 AM - Worship
	9:15 Am - Sunday school
	9:25 AM – Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: 8:00 - Paul Kassulke

Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:00 - Ethan Jaeger

Elder: Dave Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.— 12

10:30 a.m.— 58

Total: 70

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

General Offering Received: \$114,615.28

General Offering Budgeted: \$140,000.00

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$25,384.72)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (31 weeks): \$3,697.00

Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (31 weeks): \$4,516.00

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

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

Received Last Week: \$150.00

Total received to date: \$377,699.42

Kids Page

Cleaning House

So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. John 2:15 (NIV)

Based on John 2:13-16 (NIV)



C W C M C P A S S O V E R U N
H F O B A Y D M O N E Y J A V
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TEMPLE	COURTS	DOVES	SHEEP	CATTLE
TIME	MARKET	CHANGERS	JEWISH	MONEY
SELLING	HOUSE	TABLES	WHIP	CORDS



WELS
Christ's Love, Our Calling.