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

THE FOURTH 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.



OPENING HYMN, CW 492, "SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR"



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,
 2 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us,
 3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er
 4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,

Source of life and truth and grace, Word made
 King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the
 In your Church's sa - cred fold, Weak and
 So may we for oth - ers live, Free - ly

flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - ors
 storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid its
 health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and
 have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly

all our hu - man race, You our head,
 cru - el dis - cords cease. By your pa -
 joy - ful, young and old. Is there want
 may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold

who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will
 tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent
 or pain or sor - row? Make us all the
 and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of

ev - er plead: Fill us with your love and
 hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered thirst for
 bur - den share. Are there spir - its crushed and
 land and sea; We but stew - ards of your

pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need.
 plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain.
 bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
 boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

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

C(ongregation): And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

SONG OF PRAISE, "OH, TASTE AND SEE"

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.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

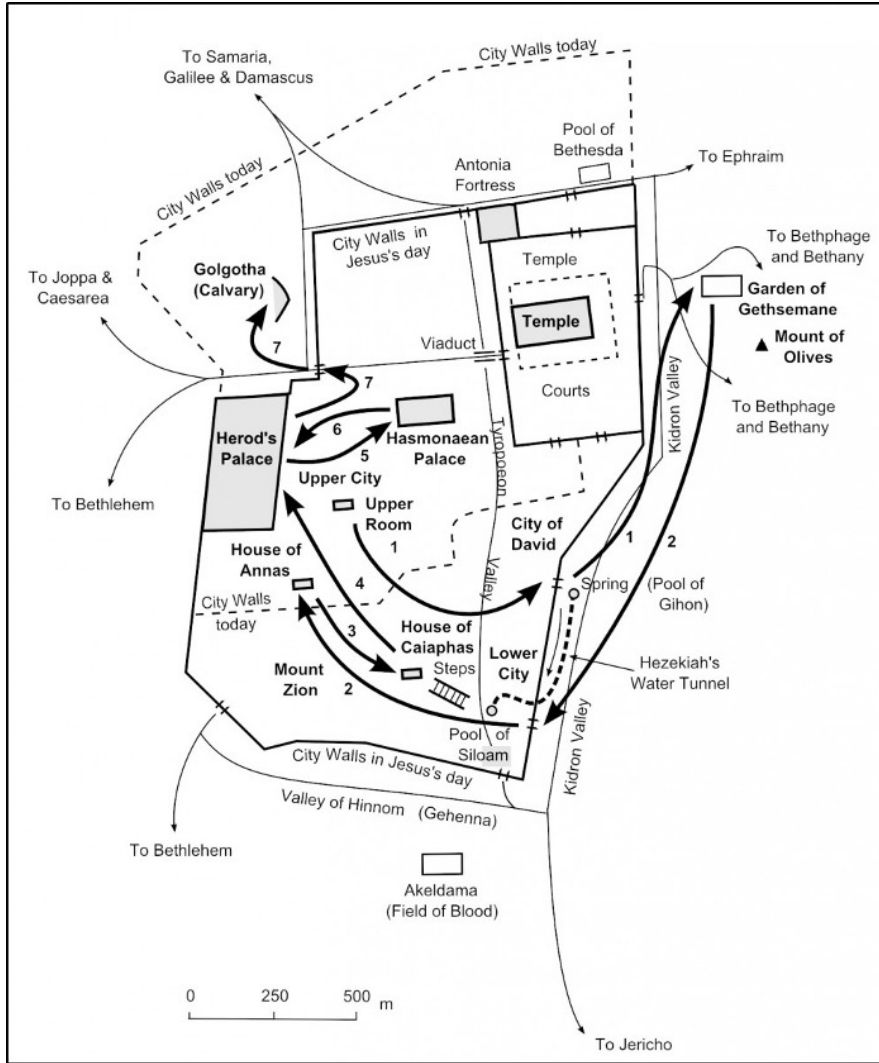
C: A - - - men.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a C-clef and contains a simple melody for the words 'A - - - men.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

The Passion History Reading

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

Jesus Condemned To Death



The chief priests and elders accused Jesus of many things. Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear how many things they are accusing you of?” Jesus gave no answer. So again Pilate asked him, “Are you not going to answer?” But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

The chief priests and elders insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea with his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at the time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased because for a long time he had been wanting to see him perform some miracle. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. As you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

Now it was the governor’s custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came and asked him to do what he usually did. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate said to them, “It is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Which of the two do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus, the King of the Jews, who is called Christ?” Pilate knew it was out of envy the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

While Pilate was seated on the judge’s seat, his wife, sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man because I have suffered a great deal today in a dream on account of him.”

But the chief priests and the elders stirred up the crowd and persuaded them to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

“Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

With one voice they cried out, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!”

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again, “What shall I do then, with Jesus, who is called Christ, the one you call king of the Jews?”

“Crucify him!” they shouted. “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

For a third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has he committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him punished and then release him.”

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” and their shouts prevailed.

#117 O Dearest Jesus

This Lenten Great was written by Johann Heermann. Johann Heermann was born in Germany in 1585. He was the 5th and only surviving child of his poor common parents, who lost all their prior children to plague, disease, and death. When Johann was born, his mother made a vow, that if he survived, she would make sure he grew to

be a Lutheran minister. At the age of 26, he became a Lutheran pastor and faithfully preached to God's people for many years.

His ministry, however, was marked by many hardships. Disease and plague ran through his city killing 550 people. A fire burned his city to the ground leaving many homeless. The invading armies of the Thirty Year's War ravaged his city, plundering the people and driving them into hiding. By the age of 46, he began losing his eyesight and also suffered throat disease that left him unable to speak and preach, and so he would write out his sermons to be preached by someone else.

But no matter what hardships and sufferings Johann endured, he counted them as nothing compared to the sufferings of Jesus. He took comfort, that even though this world can take away so many things, this world can never take away the faith and hope we have in Christ. His hymn, O Dearest Jesus, recounts how the sinless Son of God willingly took upon himself the world's sin to suffer and die. Johann pictures the amazing love of a Savior as he endured all scorning, mockery, and humiliation for his people. Johann pictures – a Savior's dying love.

SERMON HYMN, CW #117, "O DEAREST JESUS"



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken
 2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
 5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;
 It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
 The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime have you to make con -
 They give you gall to drink, they still de -
 Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants
 We for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -



fes - sion— What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry you; They cru - ci - fy you.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe him, Who would not know him.
 quit - ted— God is com - mit - ted.

6 I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
 To do your will shall be my sole endeavor
 Henceforth forever.

7 And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,
 Where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,
 I too shall praise you.

PLEASE STAND

SERMON TEXT: NUMBERS 21:4-9

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

⁶Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived. (NIV)

“A God of Grace”

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

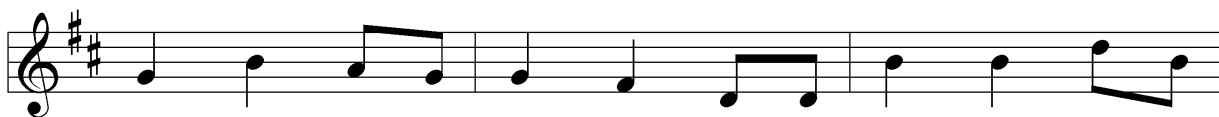
**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BE SEATED

FINAL HYMN, CW #449, "CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER"



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; In his
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird or star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
Lord his chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them his grace he
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
spares them; In his might - y arms he bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA (LM Trochaic) Swedish folk tune, 19th century.

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:

Easter Prep Day!

After late service service on Sunday, March 28th (Palm Sunday), we will be filling our Easter Egg Hunt eggs, and wrapping the Easter Breakfast utensils, and a few more odds and ends. If you are able to stick around for a bit to help that would greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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.

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? Come and join us as we take 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.

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

Called Workers:

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This Week:

Sunday (3/21): 8:00 & 10:30 AM - Worship
 9:15 - Sunday School
 9:25 AM - Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: 8:00 - Ethan Jaeger
 10:30 - Ethan Jaeger
Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:00 -
 10:30 -
Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.—24
10:30 a.m.—55
Total: 79

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: \$350.00
Total received to date: \$378,199.42