



**NORTHDALE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*“WE GROW IN GOD’S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD’S WORD”*

## The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 11, 2021

**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

*OPENING HYMN, CW #779, "I SING AS I ARISE TODAY"*



1 I sing as I a - rise to - day, I  
2 The word of God to be my speech, The  
3 The work of God to be my joy, The  
4 I sing as I a - rise to - day; I



call on my Cre - a - tor's might: The  
hand of God to be my stay, The  
house of God to be my rest, The  
cry out my Re - deem - er's name: Lord



will of God to be my guide, The  
shield of God to be my strength, The  
grace of God to be my song, The  
Je - sus Christ, my hope, my all, To -



eye of God to be my sight,  
path of God to be my way,  
praise of God to be my best.  
day and ev - er - more the same.

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Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD (88 88) *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, London, 1778, adapt.

*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.**

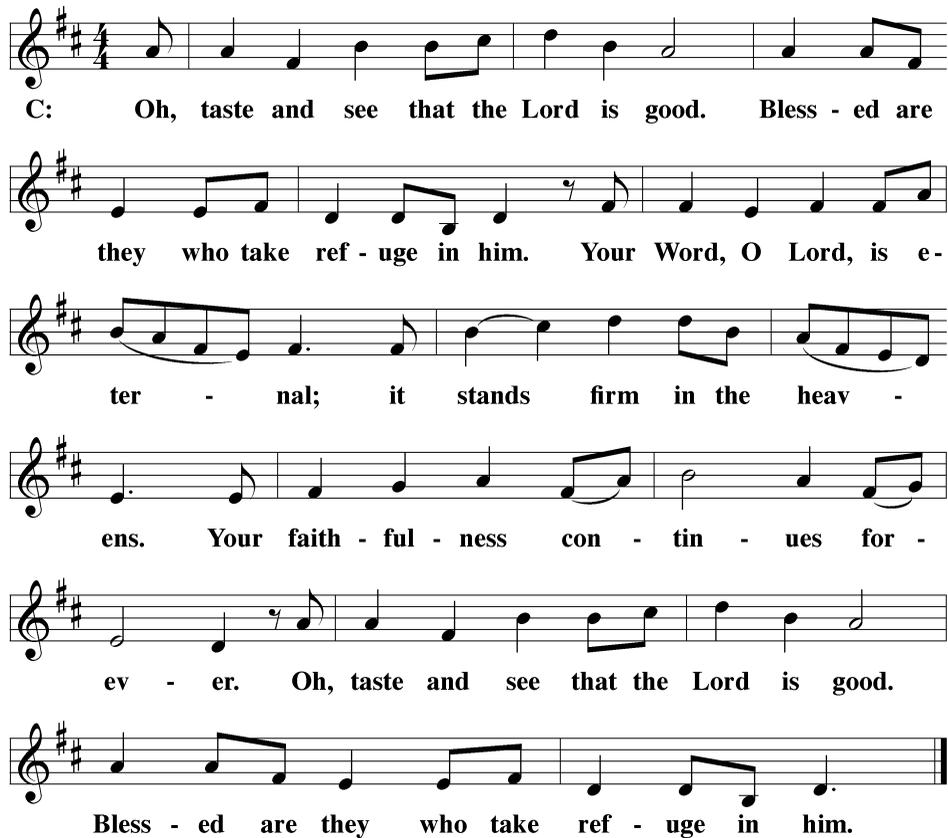
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

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

## SONG OF PRAISE



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: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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 WORD OF GOD\*



## THE FIRST LESSON: EZEKIEL 2:1-5

*The Lord called the Prophet Ezekiel to go and preach a message of warning against the nation of Israel. As a messenger of God, Ezekiel was to preach the truth of God's Word.*

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." <sup>2</sup>As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

<sup>3</sup>He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.' <sup>5</sup>And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. (NIV)

PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 143*

*Refrain*



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

*Psalm tone*



O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;\*  
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,\*  
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;\*  
my heart within me is dismayed.

***Refrain***

Answer me quickly, O LORD;\*  
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,\*  
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;\*  
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

**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: MARK 6:1-6

*The Christian faith is often offensive. Even Jesus was rejected as the promised Savior because the people only saw him as the son of a carpenter.*

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. <sup>2</sup>When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? <sup>3</sup>Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” <sup>5</sup>He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup>He was amazed at their lack of faith. (NIV)

# SERMON HYMN, CW #747, "THERE IS A REDEEMER"



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his



Son, Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,  
names, Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,  
face; There I'll serve my King for - ev - er

## *Refrain*



Ho - ly One.  
Hope for sin - ners slain. Thank you, O my  
In that ho - ly place.



Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Tune: THERE IS A REDEEMER (65 85 and Refrain)  
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## **SERMON TEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10**

*Throughout his ministry the Apostle Paul was afflicted with a physical weakness (a thorn in his flesh.) Yet Paul recognized this weakness as a blessing from the Lord, for it kept him focused on the power of God and not his own strength.*

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup>That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (NIV)

### **The Thorns of Life**

- 1. The thorns do hurt**
- 2. The thorns keep us focused**

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

## 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 the many ways he has blessed us.*

*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**

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

**Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

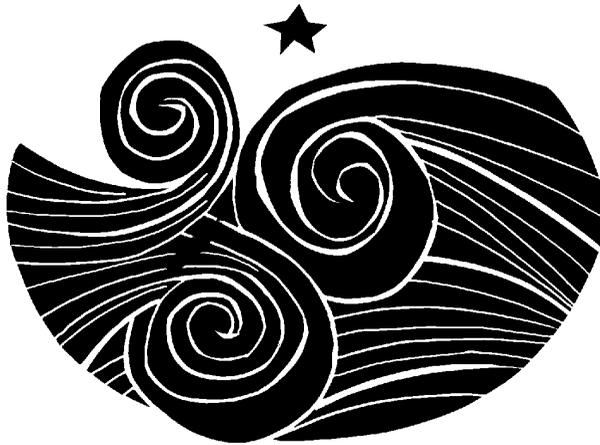
Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**Lead us in thankful living today and always. 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.**

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FINAL HYMN, CW #749, "THE LOVE OF CHRIST, WHO DIED FOR ME"



1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is  
 2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My  
 3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The



more than mind can know, His  
 self - re - gard - ing ways; The  
 heav - ens held their breath, To



mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To  
 se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie  
 see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A



meet the debt I owe. He  
 bare be - fore his gaze. For  
 love that con - quers death, Pos -



came my sin - ful cause to plead; He  
 me the price of sin he paid; My  
 sess my heart that it may be Your



laid his glo - ries by, For  
 sins be - yond re - call Are  
 king - dom with - out end, O



me a home - less life to lead, A  
 all a - like on Je - sus laid, He  
 Christ who died for love of me And



shame - ful death to die.  
 died to bear them all.  
 lives to be my friend.

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](http://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](mailto:office@northdalelutheran.org) and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.

# **Announcements:**

## **Northdale VBS 2021!**

*God's Wonder Lab* kicks off tomorrow morning for a week-long journey into God's Word. Thank you to all our VBS staff and helpers who have worked hard in preparing for this special week. You are all truly appreciated! We are pleased to have our Luther Prep Team with us today, as they have come all the way from Wisconsin to assist with our VBS. Make sure you take time to meet and greet them after the service.

## **Usher Training**

As we get back to our normal worship with communion, passing the offering plates, welcoming guests, handing out bulletins, etc... We are needing to have trained ushers and put together a weekly schedule for the continued service of God's people. We do need ushers for the early and late services. There is usher training after the late service today. If you would like to serve as an usher, please contact Pastor Guse.

## **Thank You!**

Just a quick thank you to all who have took on positions to fill our VBS week! Thank you to all who have donated VBS snacks and materials! Thank you to all who have donated housing, transportation, and food to provide for our LPS team! Thank you for your generosity and acts of love!

## **Camp South 2021**

All attendees and chaperones should have received an email from the district youth camp. If you did not get the email, packets of material are printed out on the back table along with a cover letter pertaining to our departure and return. Any other questions, contact Pastor Guse. We look forward to a wonderful week of camp!

## **Mark it! Lutheran Girl Pioneers**

Mark your calendars in advance! The weekend of August 13th (Friday) & 14th (Saturday) we will be having a presentation regarding the start of a Lutheran Girl Pioneer Program and possible a Boy's Program as well. To make a pioneer program work, we need mothers, fathers, and volunteers - it's that simple. This is such a wonderful opportunity for parents and volunteers to be a part of their children's spiritual upbringing and teaching them to always remain close to the Lord.

The presentation is not set in stone, but the general outline will be - meeting Friday, August 13th 6:00pm - 8:00pm (with food), Saturday, August 14th 9:00am - 11:00am (with food). We are asking only parents and volunteers to attend and that you make arrangements for babysitting if needed. This will include in-depth conversations, forward thinking, planning, questions and answers.

## **"The Great Journey"**

Our Sunday morning Bible study will be tracing the journey of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land. We will be taking a look at the faithfulness of God, as the Lord would take these once slaves of Egypt and form them into a powerful nation who carried the promise of the Savior.

## **Communicating Christ - A Bible Information Course**

Come and find out what Northdale Lutheran Church teaches and believes! Join us on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the church sanctuary for a wonderful time of discussion and review of our Christian faith. For more information, contact Pastor Guse 920.517.9000 call/text, [pastor@northdalelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@northdalelutheran.org)

### **Called Workers:**

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### **This Week:**

Sunday (7/18):           8:30 & 10:30 AM - Worship  
                                  9:30 AM - Adult Bible Study

### **Serving Today**

Music: 8:30 - Elizabeth Guse  
          10:30 - Elizabeth Guse  
Elder: David Mosakowski

### **Serving Next Week**

Music: 8:30 - Elizabeth Guse  
          10:30 - Elizabeth Guse  
Elder: David Mosakowski

## **Attendance Last Week**

8:00 a.m.—16

10:30 a.m.—60

Total: 76

## **2020-2021 Year to Date Offerings Through May 31, 2021**

General Offering Received: \$197,164.45

General Offering Budgeted: \$221,520.00

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$24,356)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (43 weeks): \$4,107.59

Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$4,615.00

### **Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future**

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

Received Last Week: \$150.00

Total received to date: \$380,274.42

# Kids Page

