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

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 12, 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:

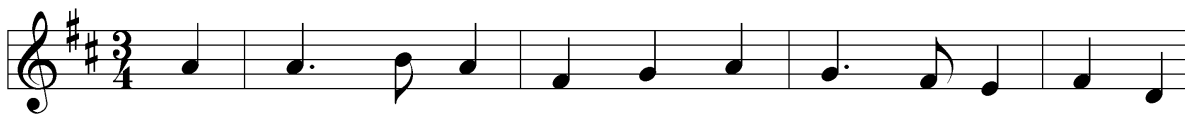


- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- ❖ To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is 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

OPENING HYMN, CW #609, "WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER"



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor!
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fath - ers; we bless you.
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer;



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring;
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been;
To you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is be - side us.



We bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
And with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - e'er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

Tune: KREMSER (12 11 12 11) *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, Haarlem, 1626.

Confession of Sins

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

M: Lord Jesus, on this day as we gather for worship, we are reminded of your awesome holiness and glory. Yet, we come before your throne this morning in deep humility knowing our offenses, failures, and faults, and confessing our sins before you.

C: `Forgive us of our greed in stockpiling the material things of this world, calling it “prosperity.”

Forgive us for the grudges we hold against our neighbors and family, justifying it as “righteous anger.”

Forgive us for having called our pride and arrogance, “self-esteem;” for thinking our gossip and slander, is “good conversation;” for excusing our selfish decisions, as “a free choice.”

Forgive us for failing to stand up for the truth of your Word, so that we might be viewed as nonjudgmental and tolerant.

Forgive us for those crying out for help in body and soul, and yet we do nothing because of our so busy and hectic lifestyles.

Forgive us this day of all our sins, and restore us to you once again.

M: O Lord, we deserve only to be thrown from your presence and suffer an eternity in hell. Even with a thousand life spans, we could never make amends for the wrongs we have done. Therefore, we simply bow ourselves before your throne and cry out for your mercy.

SONG OF MERCY LISTEN TO MY PRAYER, O LORD

Soloist

Listen to my prayer, O Lord, and hear my sigh.

Listen to my prayer, O Lord, and hear my voice.

Because of your great love, I can come into your holy house

I can bow down to you in rev'rence meant for you.

Congregation

Lord, please let me do your will; make your way plain.

Save me from my enemies, and hear my voice.

Because of your great love, I can come into your holy house

I can bow down to you in rev'rence meant for you.

Because of your great love, I can come into your holy house

I can bow down to you in rev'rence meant for you

PLEASE STAND

The Comfort of Forgiveness

Psalm 103

P: “The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
 Slow to anger, abounding in love.
 He will not always accuse,
 nor will he harbor his anger forever;
 He does not treat us as our sins deserve
 Or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 So great is his love for those who fear him;
 As far as the east is from the west,
So far has he removed our transgressions from us.
 He has redeemed your life from the pit,
 and crowns you with love and compassion.”
Take heart this day, the Lord has forgiven you. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, our refuge and strength, your faithfulness has protected us through the darkness of this night. Now this day, may your glory shelter us, shading us from the dangers that surround us, and leading us in joy along life's way. Look with favor upon your people and bless us with unity, harmony, and love for one another. Focus our minds and hearts on your blessed kingdom above, where shall one day live forever with you in glory everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD



THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 35:4-7

The prophet Isaiah looks ahead to the coming of the promised Savior. This Savior would one day show his divine glory on earth in great miracles, even by making the deaf to hear.

say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you."

⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs. (NIV)

Song of Praise First Song of Isaiah

Refrain:

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.

Verse 1 - Soloist

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say "Give thanks to the Lord!"
and call upon his name. ***Refrain***

Verse 2 - Congregation

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel. ***Refrain***



THE SECOND LESSON: JAMES 1:17-27

The Lord gave us ears to listen to his word. Not only are we to hear the content of his saving Word, but also apply it to our lives in Christian living.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Listening and Doing

¹⁹My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (NIV)

Children's Devotion

At this time, we invite all our young people to come forward to hear a special message prepared just for them.

SERMON HYMN, CW #506, "OH, BLEST THE HOUSE, WHATE'ER BEFALL"



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus
 2 Oh, blest that house where faith you find And all with -
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their
 4 Blest such a house; it pros - pers well. In peace and
 5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol -
 in have set their mind To trust their God and serve
 chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care
 joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives
 pro - mise make and say: Though all the world for - sake



ly his— How sad and poor and dark it is!
 him still And do in all his ho - ly will.
 or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
 is shown How rich - ly God can bless his own.
 his Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

Text: Christoph C. L. von Pfeil, 1715–84, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-2, 4-5, alt;
Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal, Columbus, OH, 1880, st. 3, alt.

Tune: WO GOTT ZUM HAUS (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

SERMON TEXT: MARK 7:31-37

In fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, Jesus was the promised Savior who would come in greatest glory. Jesus would now display his glory in a miracle by healing a deaf man.

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³²There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (NIV)

"The Power of Christ"

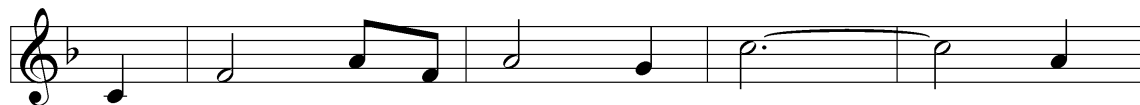
1)Power to Heal

2)Power to Save

HYMN, CW #379, "AMAZING GRACE"



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I
 His Word my hope se - cures. He
 I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
 Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,
 will my shield and por - tion be
 grace has brought me safe thus far,
 no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.
 As long as life en - dures.
 And grace will lead me home.
 Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th century, st. 4.

Tune: NEW BRITAIN (CM) *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829, alt.

OFFERING

In thanksgiving for God's many earthly and even greater eternal blessings to his people, we now worship the Lord with our offerings.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and grow in faith, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our church body.

Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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.**

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 ANTHEM "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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:

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.

Public School Confirmation Class

Public School Confirmation Class will be held on Tuesday nights at 6:00pm in the church. Confirmation Class will begin Tuesday, September 14th. This is for all our public school 7th and 8th grade students as they begin their time in God's Word learning the foundations of our Christian faith in preparation for becoming adult communicant members of the church. Talk with Pastor Guse for more information.

Northdale PIONEERS!

A Pioneer Program can be defined simply as, "Growing in Faith, Growing in Life, Growing in Service." Northdale Lutheran is in the planning stages for such a pioneer program that will begin with a first gathering on Thursday, October 7th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. The Pioneers is a youth ministry for all children, 1st grade through 8th grade, that will meet on the first Thursday of each month. A pioneer program is a wonderful blessing as it seeks to keep our children in their Savior, and then to develop their skills and abilities as they live and serve in God's world. For more information on our Northdale Pioneers, please contact our pioneer leader - Angel Allan 813.850.3718.

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. The Sunday School program is for ages Pre-K through 8th grade, and the classes are held in the academy building. The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study is held in the sanctuary of church between services.

Voter's Meeting & Congregational Forum

On Sunday, September 26th after the late service, we will be having a special voter's meeting to fill needed elected positions on the Ministry Leadership Team, and to extend a 1 year call to teach 5th & 6th grade at the academy. The Congregational Forum will also include updates on ministry, financials, and building progress.

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

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This Week:

Monday (9/13):	6:30 PM - SMB Meeting
Tuesday (9/14):	6:00 PM - Public School Confirmation
Sunday (9/19):	8:30 & 10:30 AM - Worship
	9:30 AM - Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: 8:30 - Elizabeth Guse
10:30 - Elizabeth Guse
Ushers: 8:30 - Nick & Parker Koren
10:30 - Jason & Noah Raines
Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 - Dane Mattes
10:30 - Dane Mattes
Ushers: 8:30 - Brian & Daniel Busch
10:30 - Jeff & Allison Berg
Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.—15
10:30 a.m.—68
Total: 83

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

General Offering Received: \$13,709.00
General Offering Budgeted: \$20,833.00
Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$7,124.00)
Average Weekly Offerings Received (52 weeks): \$3,427.00
Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$4,808.00

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00
Received Last Week: \$350.00
Total received to date: \$380,634.42

SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT



Dear Brothers in Christ,
Below is an update from Pastor
Spiegelberg regarding the situation
in Louisiana following Hurricane Ida.
Included are the best ways that your
congregation can help at this point.
-District President, Pastor Chuck Westra

Yesterday we were able to make a run with limited supplies to our three churches there. All major roads are clear. There is extensive wind and water damage. There was no major damage to parsonages, churches or member homes. Power was still mostly out, however there were some members in Baton Rouge who had their power on already. The stop lights in Abita Springs were on when we left and apparently there are some spots in West New Orleans that are on as well. We are continuing to assess member and community needs.

We were able to drive across the Mississippi border and find gas stations open with lots of gas. There are some gas stations open in Baton Rouge and New Orleans but lines are very long.

Pastor Jon Kehl in New Orleans has indicated that there would be plenty of opportunities to help tarp houses around his area and general clean up. There would be use of volunteers as soon as this weekend on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Another way to help would be for fuel, food, and monetary donations - crownoflifenola.com.

Pastor Schrimpf in Baton Rouge is still assessing clean up needs and is not ready to organize crews at this time. Immediate needs would be fuel, generators, water and cash - crossofglorylutheran.com

Pastor Patrick Freese and his family are living with me in Mobile currently. After looking at the needs in Abita Springs, he is working on how best to help the community there with the clearing of debris from downed trees and flooding, and general clean up - trinityabita.org.

We do not have a good assessment of the need for building materials. The challenge with work crews at this point is that whoever came would have to provide their own shelter, food and gas. Having said that, there are opportunities. It may be on a church-by-church basis and this will be developing in the days and weeks ahead.

The body of Christ is awesome.... And we are so blessed and thankful to be a part of our fellowship. I think of Pauls words... ***1 Corinthians 1:4 I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.*** We thank the Lord for your concern, generosity and love in Christ.

-Pastor Tom Spiegelberg