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

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 19, 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

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.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.

Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

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.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O 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 on the sixth staff.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; 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 score for 'Amen' is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a simple melody with a double bar line at the end.

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 50:4-10

The prophet Isaiah reminds us that no matter what trial or temptation God's people face, it is God who will ultimately vindicate and deliver them. Therefore, every day we live, we live in God's grace.

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

⁵The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;

I have not been rebellious,

I have not turned away.

⁶I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;

I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.

⁷Because the Sovereign Lord helps me,
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me?

Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?

Let him confront me!

⁹It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me.

Who will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment;
the moths will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the Lord
and obeys the word of his servant?

Let the one who walks in the dark,
who has no light,

trust in the name of the Lord
and rely on their God. (NIV)

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 116

Refrain



Psalm tone



I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;*
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,*
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;*
when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD*
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call on the name of the LORD.

**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 8:27-35

In this section Peter makes his confession that Jesus is the Christ. It is upon this same confession the Church today still stands and proclaims.

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. (NIV)

SERMON HYMN, CW #374 "MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED"

1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need— Je -
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, His
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At -

ho - vah is his name. In pas - tures fresh he
 pres - ence is my stay; One word of his sup -
 tend me all my days; Oh, may his house be

makes me feed Be - side the liv - ing stream.
 port - ing breath Drives all my fears a - way.
 my a - bode And all my work be praise.

He brings my wand - 'ring spir - it back When
 His hand, in sight of all my foes, Will
 There would I find a set - tled rest While

I for - sake his ways And leads me, for his
 still my ta - ble spread; My cup with bless - ings
 oth - ers go and come, No more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
 o - ver - flows; His oil a - noints my head.
 or a guest But like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: RESIGNATION (CM D) *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, Winchester, VA, 1832.

SERMON TEXT: JAMES 2:1-5,8-10,14-18

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. (NIV)

SERMON THEME:

“A Life of Favoritism”

- 1. Christ’s Favor to Us**
- 2. Our Favor to Others**

PLEASE STAND

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

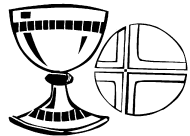
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine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

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. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. 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.



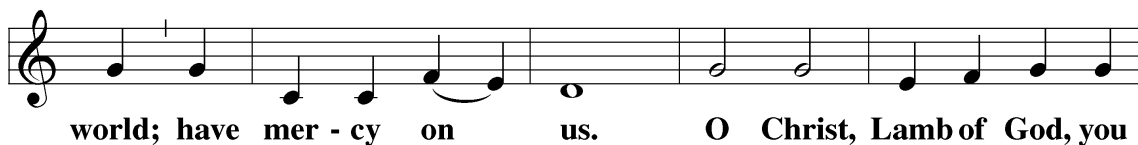
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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.



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 HYMN #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

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.

BLESSING

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

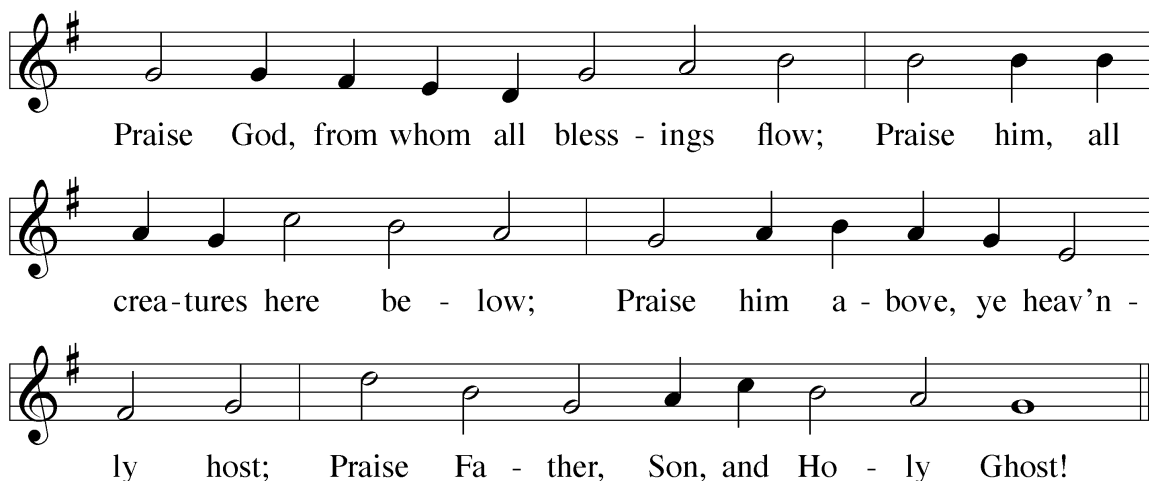
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

Closing Hymn, CW #619, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (CW #619). It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -
ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

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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:

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Public School Confirmation Class

Public School Confirmation Class is being held on Tuesday nights at 6:00pm in the church. 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 (9/20):	6:30 PM - MLT Meeting
Sunday (9/26):	8:30 & 10:30 AM - Worship 9:30 AM - Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

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

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 - Elizabeth Guse
10:30 - Elizabeth Guse
Ushers: 8:30 - John Schofer
10:30 - Jeff & Allison Berg

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

General Offering Received: \$13,709
General Offering Budgeted: \$20,833
Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$7,124)
Average Weekly Offerings Received (4 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: \$250.00
Total received to date: \$382,284.42