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

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 26, 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.

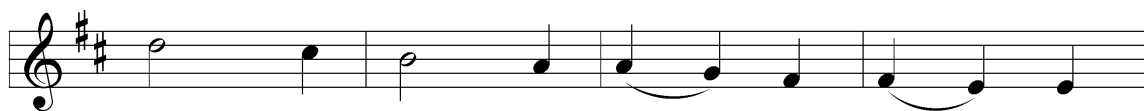


CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN, CW #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.

Text (st. 1,2): Anon.

Text (st. 3,4): Michael Schultz, b. 1963 © 2006 Michael Schultz. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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.

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: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a simple melody for the word 'Amen' followed by a double bar line.

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 11:18-20

When the prophet Jeremiah was faced with a plot against his life, he left it in the Lord's hands. Jeremiah trusted the outcome to the Lord's power and deliverance.

Because the Lord revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree and its fruit;
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰But you, Lord Almighty, who judge righteously and test the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.

PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 23*

Refrain



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my shepherd,*
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;*
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;*
he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: JAMES 3:13-18

James reminds us that the lives we live as Christians, we live in both humility before our God and humble service to others.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

SERMON HYMN, CW #369, "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR"



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion



Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
 He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904.
 Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU (557 558) Silesian folk tune, 19th century, alt.

SERMON TEXT: MARK 9:30-37

In this section Jesus reminded his disciples, acts of true greatness are those done in service to others. Jesus' greatness would be seen in the giving of his life for the salvation of the world.

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³²But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

³⁶He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

True Greatness

- 1) Not a matter of human pride
- 2) Is a matter of humble faith

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.

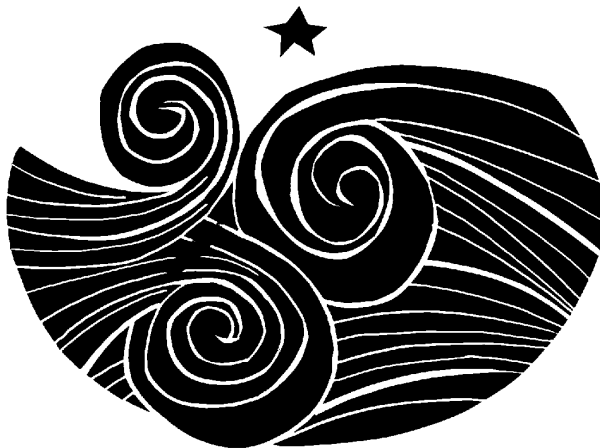
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

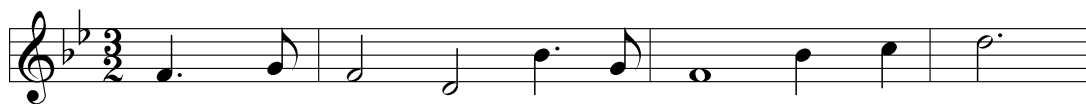
LORD'S PRAYER

**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 #389, "ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME"



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -



my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood
 thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,
 thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,
 lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,



From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the
 Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could
 Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the
 See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.
 foun - tain fly— Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
 cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!

Text: August M. Toplady, 1740–78, alt.

Tune: TOPLADY (77 77 77) Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872.

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.

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Special Ministries Highlight: Mission for the Visually Impaired (MVI)

The Mission for the Visually Impaired (MVI), a branch of WELS Special Ministries, exists to empower WELS congregations to bring the Light of the World to those in physical and spiritual darkness. One way in which we do that is through our Listen Library. In this Library you will find the New Hymnal coming this fall, audio books and resources that can be enjoyed by all. To learn more, go to listen.wels.net. MVI is also looking for volunteers to help increase the amount of books offered in this Library. Anyone with computer skills is able to volunteer, and MVI will provide the training. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mr. Larry Povinelli at lorenzo.povinelli@gmail.com.

Reformation Review!

Ever wonder what the Reformation was all about? Come take a trip back in history! Beginning next Sunday and continuing through October, our adult morning Bible study will be taking a look at the Lutheran Reformation. We will be studying what it was, how it came to be, why it was so important, and what it means for Christians today. **Beginning Next Sunday 9:30am - Reformation Review!**

Voter's Meeting & Congregational Forum

Today after 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.

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.

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:

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

Serving Today

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

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 - Chris Haring
 10:30 - Aidan Berg
Ushers: 8:30 - Nick & Parker Koren
 10:30 - Jeff & Allison Berg

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

General Offering Received: \$ 35,215
General Offering Budgeted: \$ 41,667
Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$ 6,451)
Average Weekly Offerings Received (4 weeks): \$ 3,913
Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$ 4,808

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00
Received Last Week: \$0
Total received to date: \$382,659.42