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

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 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:

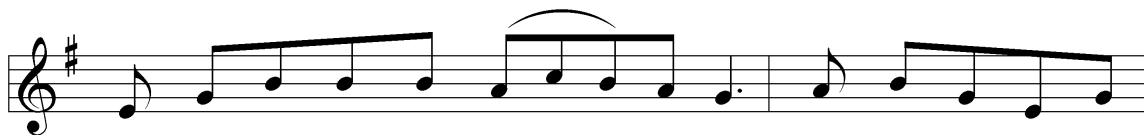


- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- ❖ To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is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

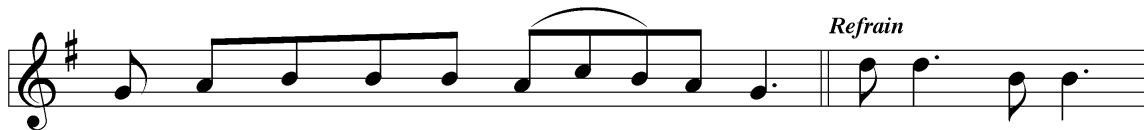
Opening Hymn, CW #23 Oh, Come, Oh Come Emmanuel



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your
4 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joice! Re-joice!
And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
And close the path to mis - er - y.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: VENI, EMMANUEL (LM with Refrain) Plainsong melody, 15th century, alt.

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: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

As we look forward to our eternal life in heaven, we live every day in thanksgiving. Living every day in faith and love for one another.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹²May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

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: Luke 19: 28-40

As we look forward to the birth of Christ this Christmas season, we remember the purpose for which he came. The Christ Child would come as the Savior, who would one day ride triumphantly into Jerusalem to give his life for the world.

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³²Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

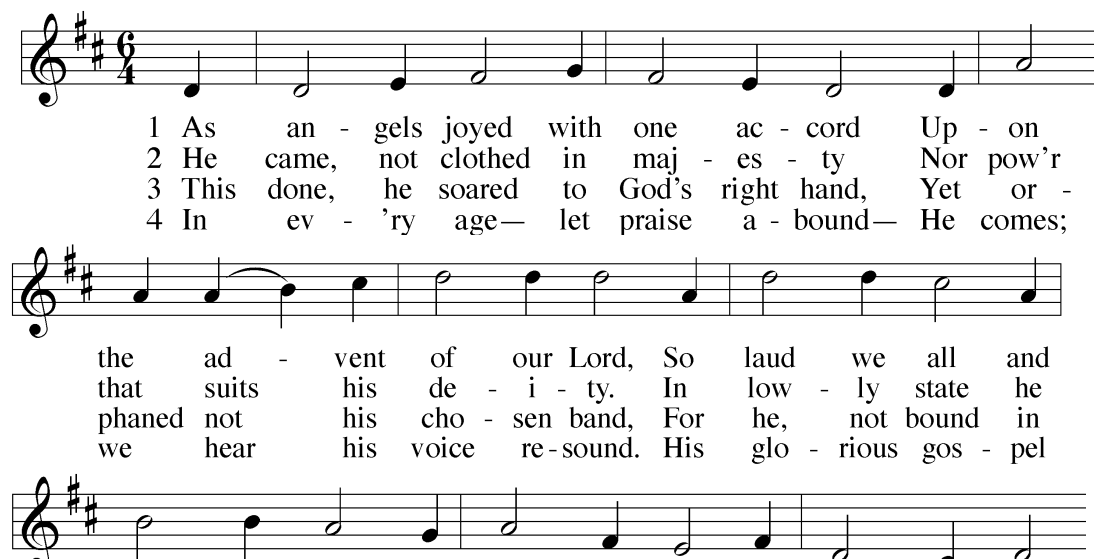
³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

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 #5 As Angels Joyed with One



1 As an - gels joyed with one ac - cord Up - on
2 He came, not clothed in maj - es - ty Nor pow'r
3 This done, he soared to God's right hand, Yet or -
4 In ev - 'ry age— let praise a - bound— He comes;
the ad - vent of our Lord, So laud we all and
that suits his de - i - ty. In low - ly state he
phaned not his cho - sen band, For he, not bound in
we hear his voice re-sound. His glo - rious gos - pel
bless the name Of him who from the Fa - ther came.
walked till he In dy - ing set us cap - tives free.
grace and pow'r, At - tends his own each day and hour.
does not cease To bring us com - fort, joy, and peace.

7 Lift up your heads! All grief and pain
Shall vanish when he comes again.
Where we shall see him face to face,
There joy alone shall have a place.

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 33:14-16

“ ‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵“ ‘In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:
The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’

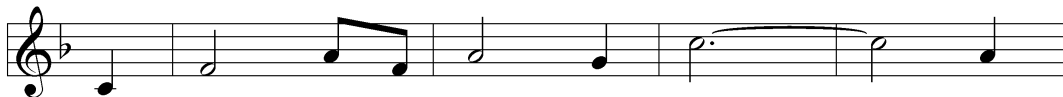
“Advent Means Coming”

- 1) The Coming of God’s Promise
- 2) The Coming of Righteousness

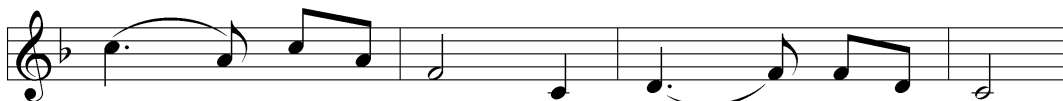
Hymn, CW #379, “Amazing Grace”



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 now
 grace has brought me safe - tion be
 no less days to sing God's far, 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.

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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.

Christmas Decorating/Chili Dump

We are decorating after the late service. We will combine our decorating with a chili dump fellowship lunch. So we are asking everyone who comes to bring a container of chili. We'll combine them together and enjoy a fellowship meal after the decorating is done. We'd love to have you join us.

Christmas Choir

We will be putting together a choir for Christmas Eve. Anyone interested can join us for choir practice. Dates: Dec. 8th at 7:30pm *after the Advent Worship*, Dec. 15th at 6:30pm, Dec. 22nd at 6:30pm. Pieces are simple that anyone can sing, come and join us!

Advent Worship

We will be having one mid-week **Advent Worship on Wednesday, December 8th at 6:30pm** to prepare our hearts and minds for the Christmas season. Amongst all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, what a great opportunity to focus on the peace of Christ and sing some favorite anthems as we prepare for the birth of our Savior.

White Elephant!

Ready for a Christmas Party! Our Northdale White Elephant party will be on Sunday, December 12th at 1:00pm. There will be food, auctions, gifts, and friends! Who will be the lucky winner this year of the "White Elephant" prize? Could be you! The dinner is a potluck dinner. Everyone who is planning to attend is asked to bring a main dish and either a side or a dessert. We also ask that you bring a wrapped gift for the auction. We auction the gifts blindly not knowing what is inside. It is a lot of fun and raises money for our Women of Northdale.

Northdale Christian Academy Christmas Services

Thursday, December 16	Grades 3-8	6:30pm
Friday, December 17	VPK - 2nd Grade	10:30am

Northdale Christmas Worship Schedule

Friday, December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight	6:30pm
Sunday, December 26	Christmas Day Worship	8:30am & 10:30am
Sunday, January 2nd	New Year's Worship	8:30am & 10:30am

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.

Called Workers:

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This Week:

Sunday (12/5): 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 - John Schofer
 10:30 -
 Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

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

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.—40
 10:30 a.m.—51
 Total: 91

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

General Offering Received: \$ 70,532
 General Offering Budgeted: \$ 83,333
 Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$12,801)
 Average Weekly Offerings Received (17 weeks): \$ 4,149
 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: \$250.00
 Total received to date: \$382,284.42