



NORTHDALE
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 5, 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

Opening Hymn, CW #2, “Savior of the Nations Come”



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt.
Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geystiliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.

Invocation

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.

Prayer of the Day

M: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; 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.

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD



The First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-7

Even though the nation of Israel had a temple in which to worship, their worship had become half-hearted and rife with abuse. In response, the Lord called the prophet Malachi to preach repentance to his people. Malachi also foretells the coming of John the Baptist who would prepare the way before the Savior by preaching the same message of repentance so that all might be saved on the Day of Judgment.

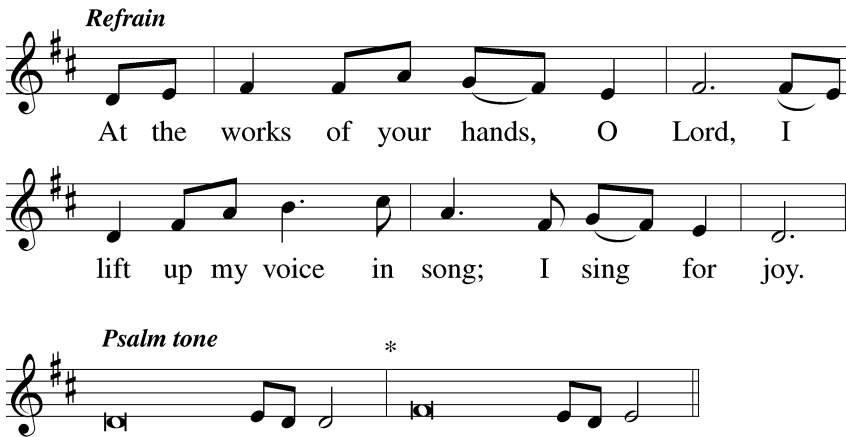
“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.

²But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

⁵“So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty.

⁶“I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 66



Shout with joy to God, all the earth!*

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,*

let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives*

and kept our feet from slipping.

Refrain

Come and listen, all you who fear God;*

let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,*

the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened*

and heard my voice in prayer.

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: Philippians 1:3-11

Not only did the Philippian Christians believe the Gospel but they also began to live their faith in peace and love. For this, the Apostle Paul rejoiced, knowing it was the Lord who accomplished faith in them and the Lord would continue to produce more fruits of faith in their lives. What a beautiful picture of faith living Christians!

I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Sermon Hymn, CW #16 “On Jordan’s Bank The Baptist's Cry”



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin And fur -
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref -
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And lift
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose ad -



es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,
 nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our
 uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we
 us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on
 vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Good news a - bout the King of kings.
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 us to shine, And fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, st. 1-3, alt.; composite, st. 4-5.

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

Sermon Text: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶And all people will see God’s salvation.’ ”

Sermon Theme:

“Prepare For Christmas!”

1) Prepare your Hearts

2) Prepare your Lives

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

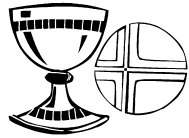
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine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



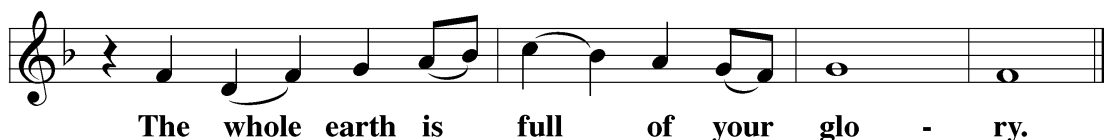
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

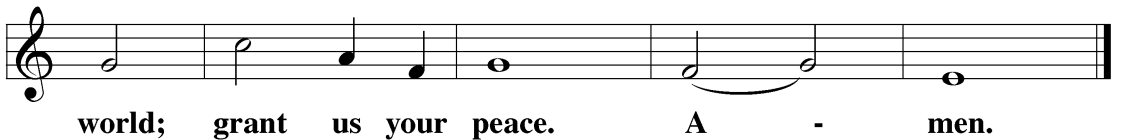
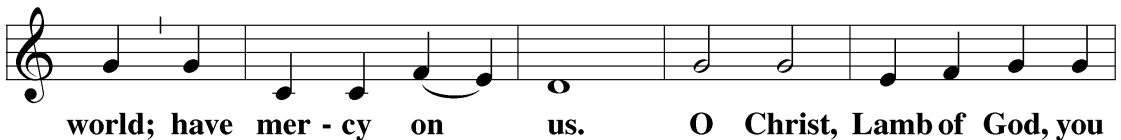
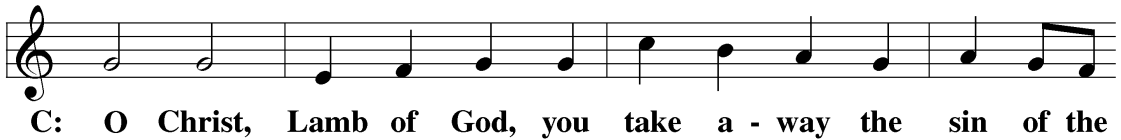
M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and 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.



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.



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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, CW #36 “A Great and Mighty Wonder”



1 A great and might - y won - der, A
 2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And
 3 While thus they sing your mon - arch, Those
 4 Since all he comes to ran - som, By
 5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And



glo - rious mys - ter - y: A vir - gin bears an
 yet re - mains on high, And cher - u - bim sing
 bright an - gel - ic bands, Re - joice, O vales and
 all be he a - dored, The in - fant born in
 Sa - tan's ly - ing cease, And Christ shall raise his



in - fant Who veils his de - i - ty.
 an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
 moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
 Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
 scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain



Re - peat the hymn a - gain: “To God on high be



glo - ry And peace on earth to men.”

Text: Germanus, c. 634–734; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: ES IST EIN ROS (76 76 676) *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599.

Northdale Christian Academy Building Dedication

We set aside our Academy building for the continued Christian education of our children.
May the Lord continue to bless our education ministry for the years to come.

Blessing

M: 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

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Closing Hymn, CW #56, “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child ”



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
2 An - gels sang a - bout his birth; Wise men sought and found him.
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There he lay, the un - de - filed, To the world a stran - ger.
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, Glo - ry all a - round them.
He is still the un - de - filed, But no more a stran - ger.



Such a babe in such a place— Can he be the Sav - ior?
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing.
Son of God, of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his fa - vor.
All the plains were lit that night; All the hills were ring - ing.
Praise his name in all the earth, Hail the King of glo - ry!

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Announcements:

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 Staff

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This Week:

Sunday (12/12): 8:30 & 10:30 AM - Worship
 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: 8:30 - Chris Haring
 10:30 - Chris Haring
Ushers: 8:30 - Jason Raines
10:30 -

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 - Elizabeth Guse
 10:30 - Elizabeth Guse
Ushers: 8:30 -
 10:30 - Jason & Noah Raines

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