



**NORTHDALÉ**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Advent

December 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

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn, CW #5, "As Angels Joyed with One Accord" vs 1-4



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;



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.



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

*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!

**Hymn, CW #5, “As Angels Joyed with One Accord” vs 5-7**

5 He comes in water to the child And cleanses it, from birth defiled.  
This washing seals his pard’ning grace And shows the Father’s kindly face.

6 He comes to us in bread and wine To give himself—and gifts divine.  
Oh, praise him for this sacrament, Redeeming love’s great testament!

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.

## Prayer of the Day

M: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.



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## THE WORD OF GOD



The First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-17

*No matter what enemies the children of Israel faced, Zephaniah reminded them, our God is a mighty warrior who would defeat all their enemies and at the same time save them from punishment. Therefore in all things to: Sing! Shout! Be glad! Rejoice!*

Sing, Daughter Zion;  
shout aloud, Israel!  
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,  
Daughter Jerusalem!  
<sup>15</sup>The Lord has taken away your punishment,  
he has turned back your enemy.  
The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;  
never again will you fear any harm.  
<sup>16</sup>On that day  
they will say to Jerusalem,  
“Do not fear, Zion;  
do not let your hands hang limp.  
<sup>17</sup>The Lord your God is with you,  
the Mighty Warrior who saves.  
He will take great delight in you;  
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,  
but will rejoice over you with singing.”

## **Be Thou My Vision**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O ruler of all*

*Still be my vision, O Ruler of all*

## **The Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7**

*Even though Paul suffered persecution for the sake of the gospel, his hope was in the Lord his God. During times of hardship or trial, Christians can always take comfort knowing the Lord is near and will bring deliverance for his people.*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

# Sermon Hymn, CW #53, “To Shepherds as They Watched by Night ”



1 To shep - herds as they watched by night Ap - peared  
 2 “At Beth - le - hem, in Da - vid’s town, As Mi -  
 3 Oh, then re - joice that through his Son God is  
 4 What harm can sin and death then do? The true  
 5 Not one he will or can for - sake; His cov -



a host of an - gels bright; “Be - hold the ten - der  
 cah did of old make known. It is the Christ, your  
 with sin - ners now at one; Made like your - selves of  
 God now a - bides with you. Let hell and Sa - tan  
 ’nant he will nev - er break. Let ev - ’ry scheme the



babe,” they said, “In yon - der low - ly man - ger laid,  
 Lord and King, Who will to all sal - va - tion bring.”  
 flesh and blood, Your broth - er is th’ e - ter - nal God.  
 storm and rave, Christ is your broth - er— you are safe.  
 tempt - er try, You may his ut - most pow’rs de - fy.

6 You shall and must at last prevail.  
 God’s own you are; you cannot fail.  
 To God forever sing your praise  
 With joy and patience all your days.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.  
 Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

## **Sermon Text: Matthew 11:2-11**

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup>to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

<sup>4</sup>Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>6</sup>Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

<sup>7</sup>As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? <sup>8</sup>If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. <sup>9</sup>Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written:

“‘I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

## **“CHRISTmas”**

- 1) The fulfillment
- 2) The Savior



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## **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.**

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## **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.*

*If electronic giving isn't for you, you are invited to drop off or mail your offerings to the church*

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## **Prayer of the Church**

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

**Thank you for Christian friends, for their affection and their care.**

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**Lead us in thankful living today and always. 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.**

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## Hymn, CW #68, "Away in a Manger" vs 1-3



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 And take us to heav - en to live with you there.

Text: *Little Children's Book*, Philadelphia, 1885, st. 1-2; *Vineyard Songs*, Louisville, 1892, st. 3.  
 Tune: CRADLE SONG (11 11 11 11) William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921.

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## 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.



C: A - men.

## 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.

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**Hymn**, CW #61, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” vs 1-3

1 Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all you nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’ angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th’ incarnate Deity!

Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!

Refrain

3 Hail, the heav’nly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, Ris’n with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,

Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.

Refrain

*All of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website [www.NorthdaleLutheran.org](http://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](mailto:office@northdalelutheran.org) and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.*

# **Announcements:**

## **2022 Offering Envelopes**

The new 2022 offering envelopes are in and we will have a table out on Sunday, January 2nd for you to pick them up. If you would like your offering envelopes sooner, speak with pastor and he will get your offering envelopes to you after church.

## **Money Counters**

We are in need of money (offering) counters after the 2nd service. It is a simple process, so if you have a few minutes after service to volunteer your time to care for the gifts of God's people, speak with pastor.

## **Live Stream**

As we began to live stream our services during covid, we look to continue this service to our shut-ins and members who are making good use of it. If you are coming to church and willing to take a Sunday rotation to run the live streaming it would be greatly appreciated. Training takes only a few minutes, but the service to our members not able to come to church is very appreciated.

## **No Sunday school/Bible Class**

We will not be having Sunday school or Adult Bible Class on December 19th, or January 2nd, the Sundays during the Christmas. We will pick up with Sunday School and Bible Class on January 9th.

## **Academy Dedication**

Last week we dedicated the new classroom additions to our Academy Building. If you were not here last week, the doors of the Academy are again open today for you to walk through and check it out. What a wonderful and amazing blessing of the Lord, as we seek to continue our education ministry for years to come!

## **White Elephant!**

Today is our Northdale White Elephant party. 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.

## **Christmas Choir**

We have put 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.

### **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

### **Called Workers:**

Pastor Matthew Guse:	920-517-9000	Pastor@NorthdaleLutheran.org
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### **This Week:**

Sunday (12/19):	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

### **Serving Next Week**

Music: 8:30 - Nick Koren  
10:30 - Aidan Berg  
Ushers: 8:30 - Jason Raines  
10:30 - Jeff & Allison Berg

### **Attendance Last Week**

8:00 a.m.—  
10:30 a.m.—60  
Total:

**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



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