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

4th Sunday in Advent

December 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

Opening Hymn, CW #34, "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" vs 1 & 2



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to
voice; He from whom joy stream - eth Poor
thee. Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O
in a man - ger lies; Not so bright - ly
pure and ho - ly Child; Through thy grace and
beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to thee! Draw me un - to thee!

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.

Hymn, CW #34, “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” vs 3 & 4

3 Now through his Son doth shine The Father’s grace divine.
Death o’er us had reigned Through sin and vanity;
He for us obtained Eternal joy on high.
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!

4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav’nly ground?
Where the angels singing With all his saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing In heav’nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Prayer of the Day

M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that woman receive you in joy and serve you always; 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: Micah 5:2-4

Micah prophecies about the coming of the Christ Child. Although he would be born from King David's line and be born in King David's town, his origins know no beginning and his reign would know no bounds

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.”

³Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return
to join the Israelites.

⁴He will stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.

Hymn, CW #50 “Once in Royal David’s City”



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en
 3 But our eyes at last shall see him
 4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble

Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
 Who is God and Lord of all, And his
 Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
 With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we

moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
 shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
 child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
 see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right

for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
 was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
 heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
 hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,

Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 To the place where he is gone.
 All in white, his praise will sound.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–95, abr., alt.
 Tune: IRBY (87 87 77) Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–76.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

No matter how many sacrifices the Old Testament priests performed, it was never enough to eradicate sin. The Christ Child came to make his whole life the perfect sacrifice that would cleanse the world of its sin.

Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,

but a body you prepared for me;

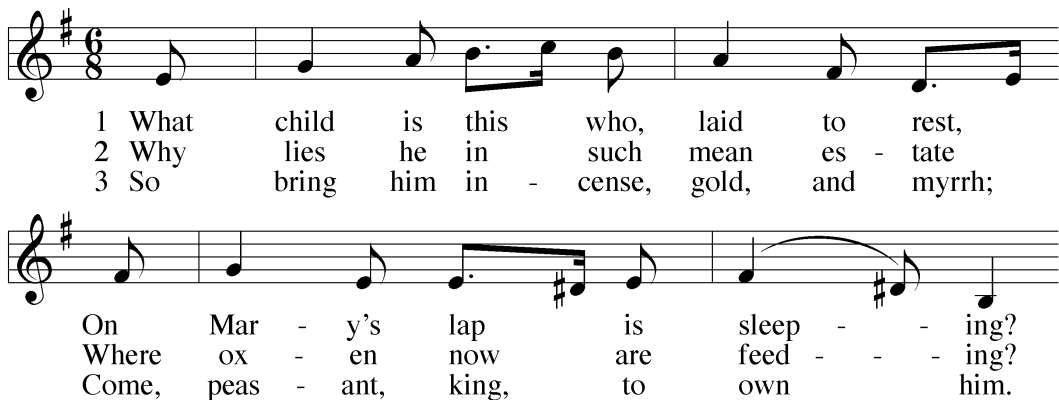
⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

⁷Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—

I have come to do your will, my God.’”

⁸First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Sermon Hymn, CW #67 “What Child is This” vs 1-3



1 What child is this who, laid to rest,
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh;

On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?
Where ox - en now are feed - - ing?
Come, peas - ant, king, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet
Good Chris - tians, fear; For sin - ners here
The King of kings Sal - va - tion brings;

While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom
Nails, this spear shall pierce him, through; The
Raise, raise the song on high; The

shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.
cross he'll bear and for me, for you.
vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
Hail, hail the Word flesh,
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,

The babe, the Son of Mar - y!
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.

Tune: GREENSLEEVES (87 87 68 67) English ballad, 16th century.

Sermon Text: Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Sermon Theme:

“The Virgin Birth”

- 1) Its necessity
- 2) Its purpose

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.**

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OFFERING

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

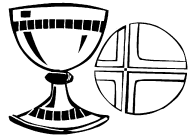
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine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



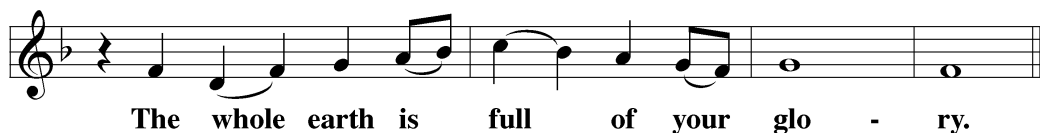
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



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

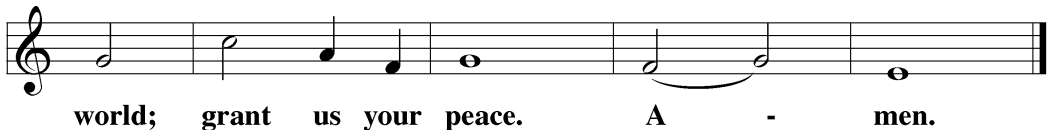
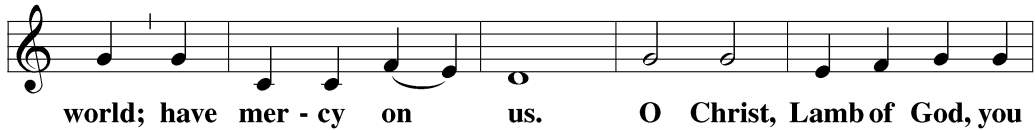
M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and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



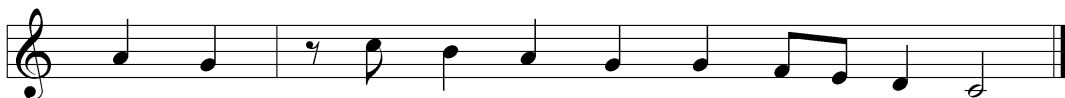
Hymn, CW #38 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" vs 1-8



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good
 2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,
 3 "This is the Christ, our God most high, Who hears your
 4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by
 5 "These are the signs which you shall mark: The swad-dling



news to ev - 'ry home; Glad ti - dings of great joy
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of low -
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will him - self your Sav -
 God for all be - low, That in his king - dom, bright
 clothes and man - ger dark. There you will find the in -



I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
 ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.
 ior be From all your sins to set you free.
 and fair, You may with us his glo - ry share.
 fant laid By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."

6 How glad we'll be to find it so!
 Then with the shepherds let us go
 To see what God for us has done
 In sending us his own dear Son.

7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
 And see what in the manger lies.
 Who is this child, so young and fair?
 It is the Christchild lying there.

8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
 Through whom the sinful world is blest!
 You came to share my misery
 That you might share your joy with me.

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 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

Hymn, CW #57 “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Refrain



Go, tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills, and ev - 'ry - where;



Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.



1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent
2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a -
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble



flocks by night, Be - hold, through - out the
bove the earth Rang out the an - gel
Christ was born; And God sent us sal -

Refrain



heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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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:

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.

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 (12/26): 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