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

Epiphany Sunday

January 9, 2022

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, #80 “Angels From the Realms of Glory”



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your
3 Ma - gi, leave your con - tem - pla-tions; Brigh - ter vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend-ing, Watch-ing long in



all the earth; Once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry;
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing—
beam a - far. Seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



Refrain

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
Yon - der shines the in - fant light. Come and wor-ship,
You have seen the Sav - ior's star.
In his tem - ple shall ap - pear.



come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE (87 87 87) Henry T. Smart, 1813–79.

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 on the sixth staff.

Prayer of the Day

M: Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score for the 'Prayer of the Day' consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a C-clef and contains the lyrics 'A - men.' followed by a double bar line.

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



The First Lesson: 1 Kings 10:1-9

When the Queen of Sheba heard about the greatness of King Solomon, she had to go and see him. Then overwhelmed by what she saw, she was moved to great joy and worship. No different than the Magi who traveled to see the greatness of the Christ Child only to offer him their gifts, worship, and praise.

When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the Lord, she came to test Solomon with hard questions. ²Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan—with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones—she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind. ³Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. ⁴When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, ⁵the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the Lord, she was overwhelmed.

⁶She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. ⁷But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard. ⁸How happy your people must be! How happy your officials, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! ⁹Praise be to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the Lord’s eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness.”

Psalm of the Day, Psalm 72

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



Endow the King with your justice, O God,*
the royal Son with your righteousness.

He will defend the afflicted among the people*
and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,*
as long as the moon, through all generations.

He will be like rain falling on a mown field,*
like showers watering the earth.

Refrain

All kings will bow down to him,*
and all nations will serve him.

All nations will be blessed through him,*
and they will call him blessed.

Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.*
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

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: Acts 13:46-52

As the Apostle Paul began to preach the name of Jesus among the people of Pisidian Antioch, some were moved to worship and praise, others to rejection and opposition. We are reminded of the worship and praise of the wise men who were among the first to behold the Christ Child, and the rejection and hostility of King Herod.

And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

““I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.””

⁴⁸And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. ⁵⁰But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. ⁵¹So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium. ⁵²And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Hymn, We Three Kings

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

Refrain

**O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.**

Refrain

**Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.**

Refrain

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

Refrain

**Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.**

Refrain

Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

“Be Wise Men and Women”

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.

PLEASE STAND

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 #83, "As With Gladness Men of Old"



1 As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to your
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At your cra - dle,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre -



star be - hold, As with joy they hailed its light,
 low - ly bed, There to bend the knee be - fore
 rude and bare, So may we with ho - ly joy,
 nar - row way; And, when earth - ly things are past,
 a - ted light; You its light, its joy, its crown,



Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious
 You whom heav'n and earth a - dore, So may we with
 Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest
 Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no
 You its sun which goes not down. There for - ev - er



Lord, may we Ev - er - more your fol - lowers be.
 will - ing feet Ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
 treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n - ly King.
 star to guide, Where no clouds your glo - ry hide.
 may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt.

Tune: DIX (77 77 77) Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, alt.

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.

Announcements:

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Women of Northdale Meeting January 16th at 11:30 AM

It is a new year and there are opportunities for new service projects. All women are welcome to join us. We recognize that our last meeting was a bit disorganized, so we would love a second chance to have your input and ideas on how to serve our congregation as we restructure our women's group. The fellowship of Christian women is indeed a blessing - Let's serve the Lord together! Please add this meeting to your calendar.

New Preschool Options

We are adding 3 year olds to our Early Childhood program for the 2022-2023 school year! If you would like more information, please contact our early childhood director, Joanne Mattes, 920-588-7596.

StoryWalk/Preschool Open House

On Saturday, February 5, we will be hosting a Preschool Open House featuring a Story Walk. On the Story Walk, families follow a path around the playground and read each page of the book as they go, along with some fun activities with each page. We will be using the book, *Plants Can't Sit Still*. There will also be crafts, food, and games for families to play! Please invite anyone you know who might enjoy a fun family day for young children and learn more about our program. Please contact Joanne Mattes, 920-588-7596, if you have any questions.

Basketball Tournament at Luther Preparatory School

In March, NCA will be sending a group of students to Luther Preparatory School for a basketball tournament and recruitment trip. This is a great way for families who are interested in sending their child to LPS to tour the school. To help pay for this trip, the students will be offering a carwash after school on Friday, January 14, and after church on January 16. Donations will be accepted to help pay for travel expenses.

2022 Offering Envelopes

Your 2022 offering envelopes are available on the table in the entryway. They are arranged *not by number* but alphabetically by your last name. Please pick yours up today.

Congregation Voters' Meeting

We will be having our regular bi-annual voters' meeting on Sunday, January 23rd after the late service. We will be giving updates on membership, finances, and ministry.

Mission Festival – One Africa Team

On January 23, 2022 - Missionary John Roebke will be here to share his experiences of serving as the Director of Communications for One Africa Team. Missionary Roebke and his wife Nancy have been living in Malawi since June 2017 and currently reside in the city of Lilongwe.

Missionary Roebke serves as One Africa Team's liaison to the LCMC Kenya, a church body that WELS has enjoyed fellowship with since 2017. Missionary Roebke works closely with the Publications committee of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa – Malawi Synod to produce and distribute books and tracts. In addition, he is responsible for coordinating publications efforts across Africa with the WELS Multi-Language Publications Committee (MLP).

As a member of One Africa Team, Missionary Roebke oversees the social media and communications ministry for WELS missions in Africa. He manages a missions blog called “WELS Friends of Africa.” Visit www.oneafricateam.com to sign up for weekly updates. You can also follow WELS Africa missions on Facebook at “One Africa Team.”

There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Study on this Mission Sunday. All are encouraged to attend the One Africa Team presentation during the 9:30am hour.

Sunday School/Bible Class

Sunday School and Bible Class will resume next week at 9:30am. Sunday School is for ages Pre-K through 8th grade, and is held in the academy building. Adult Bible Study is held in the sanctuary of church.

Bible Class – “Not So Minor”

Today we will be focusing on the writings of 3 of the minor prophets; Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah. We will see the history, the persons, and the purpose of these prophets of the Lord. Come and join us!

Serving Today

Music: 8:30 - Dane Mattes

10:30 - Dane Mattes

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 - Jason Raines

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.—26

10:30 a.m.—43

Total: 69

2020-2021 Year to Date Offerings Through November 2021

General Offering Received: \$ 99,351

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 104,167

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$4,815)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (17 weeks): \$4,516

Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$ 4,808

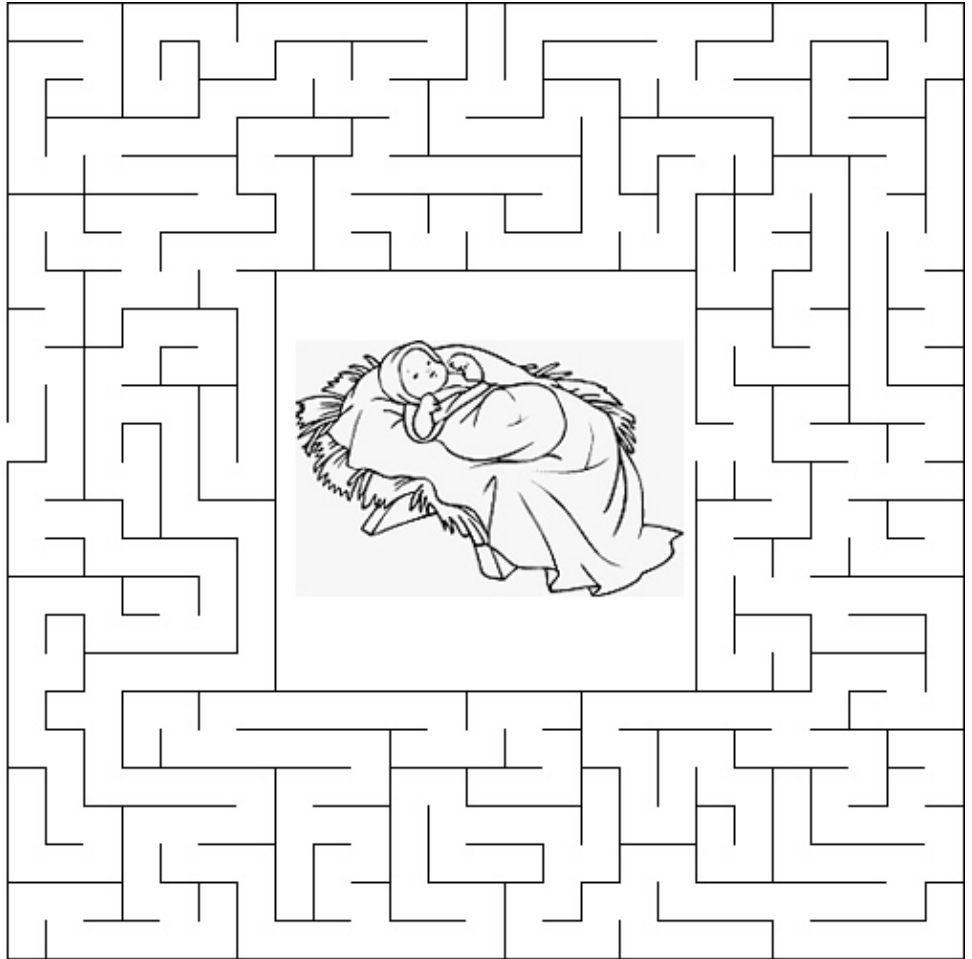
Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00

Received Last Week: \$150.00

Total received to date: \$384,509.42

Kids Pages



The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

Y	W	A	Y	L	X	P	H	C	H	H	M	Q	D	H
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R	W	Q	G	X	T	R	V	E	K	S	A	O	M	D
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H	R	O	V	B	G	H	V	L	M	S	H	S	O	H
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D	P	R	O	N	Y	E	T	V	A	E	G	H	L	Q
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T	P	B	K	F	B	G	A	V	E	R	H	W	C	E
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M	M	B	Q	D	D	L	V	M	V	T	X	L	X	Y

PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD