

"...by your blood you ransomed
people for God from every
tribe and language and
people and nation...."
Revelation 5:9



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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

Africa Mission Festival – 2022

Unity only comes through the Gospel

January 23, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN, CW #221, "BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD"



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.

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

Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust, Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, Till we sing your praises yonder.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth and have sent your messengers to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. Grant that by the witness of your Church many may be brought into your kingdom and worship you, the only true God; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



The First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph and his brothers were reconciled through forgiveness. In hindsight, Joseph recognized that God used his brothers' evil actions to save his family (and the world via Christ).

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Northdale Christian Academy (10:30am)

Grades K-8

"From All that Dwell below the Skies"

PSALM OF THE DAY, PSALM 67 (8:30AM)

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

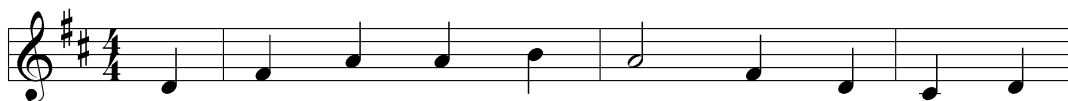
God has given us the gifts necessary to unite the body of Christ

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

SERMON HYMN, CW #571, "FROM GREENLAND'S ICY MOUNTAINS"



1 From Green-land's i - cy moun - tains, From In - dia's
2 What though the fra - grant breez - es Blow soft o'er
3 Can we whose souls are light - ed With wis - dom



cor - al strand, Where Af - ri - ca's bright foun - tains
dis - tant isles, Though ev - 'ry vis - ta pleas - es,
from on high, Can we to those be - night - ed



Roll down their gold - en sand, From man - y an an - cient
Yet sin the land de - files. In vain with lav - ish
The lamp of life de - ny? Sal - va - tion! Oh, sal -



riv - er, From man - y a palm - y plain, They call us
kind - ness The gifts of God are strown; The hea - then
va - tion! The joy - ful sound pro - claim Till each re -



to de - liv - er Their land from er - ror's chain.
in their blind - ness Bow down to wood and stone.
mot - est na - tion Has learned Mes - si - ah's name.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, abr., alt.
Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN (76 76 D) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

SERMON TEXT: JOHN 17:13-23

We preach the Gospel in the face of persecution and hatred to bring unity.

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

²⁰ “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

SERMON THEME:

STICK TO THE TRUTH

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.

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

PLEASE STAND

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 to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

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.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. 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.**

BE SEATED

FINAL HYMN, CW #542, "DEAR LORD, TO YOUR TRUE SERVANTS GIVE"



1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give The grace to
2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand To spread your
3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, Re - vive their



you a - lone to live. Set free from sin to
Word o'er sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and
sink - ing hopes a - gain; And when suc - cess crowns



serve you, Lord, They go to share your
make them strong To heal sin's ills, to
what they do, Oh, keep them hum - ble,



liv - ing Word, The gos - pel mes - sage to pro -
right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver wind and
Lord, and true Un - til be - fore your judg - ment



claim That all may know your sav - ing name.
wave, And might - y is your arm to save.
seat They lay their tro - phies at your feet.

Text: W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
Tune: MELITA (88 88 88) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

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:

Congregation Voters' Meeting - Today!

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

Preferred Enrollment Period for NCA Families

NCA is now giving preferred enrollment to current NCA families and members of Northdale Lutheran Church through January 31. Currently enrolled students who are returning will complete the re-enrollment process. The re-enrollment fee (K-8 only) will be \$400 per child through January 31. The fee will increase to \$500 February 1 and \$600 March 1. The full tuition and fee scheduled for 2022-2023 is available on our website. Current families with siblings new to NCA need to complete the online application for enrollment no later than January 31 to qualify for preferred enrollment. Only new students need to complete the application for enrollment. New family applications to NCA will be given enrollment opportunity starting February 1. 2022-2023 applications from families new to NCA are already being received. Please contact Principal Dane Mattes with any enrollment questions.

Camp South (July 25-29)

All youth entering 4th - 9th grades in Fall of 2022 are invited to a fantastic week of so much fun and growing God's Word! Hosted at the Georgia FFA camp in Covington, GA, we're inviting youth to take part in engaging worship & Bible studies, great activities, and opportunities to meet new friends. Talk to your youth leader for registration information.

- Where - Georgia FFA/FCCLA Camp in Covington, GA
- When – July 25-29
- How much - \$295/youth
- Who - those entering 4th - 9th grades (as for Fall 2022)
- For more information, visit southatlanticyouth.com

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.

Pioneer Meeting February 5

The regular scheduled pioneer meeting for February will not be held at church. Instead, it will be postponed and take place during their camping trip at Lake park, February 19-21. If you are willing and able to be a chaperone for that trip a planning meeting will be held on February 5, at 3:30pm.

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.

Serving Today

Music: 8:30 - Elizabeth Guse
10:30 - Elizabeth Guse
Ushers: 8:30 - 8:30 - John Schofer
10:30 -Jeff & Allison Berg

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 - Dane Mattes
10:30 - Dane Mattes
Ushers: 8:30 - John Schofer
10:30 -Jeff & Allison Berg

2021-2022 Year to Date Offerings Through December 2021

General Offering Received: \$ 123,901.90
General Offering Budgeted: \$ 124,999.98
Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$ -1,098.08)
Average Weekly Offerings Received (26 weeks): \$ 4,765
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: \$384,659.42