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LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 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

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN, CW #389, "ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME"



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -



my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood
thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,
thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,
lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,



From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the
Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could
Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the
See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.
foun - tain fly— Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!

Text: August M. Toplady, 1740–78, alt.

Tune: TOPLADY (77 77 77) Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872.

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.

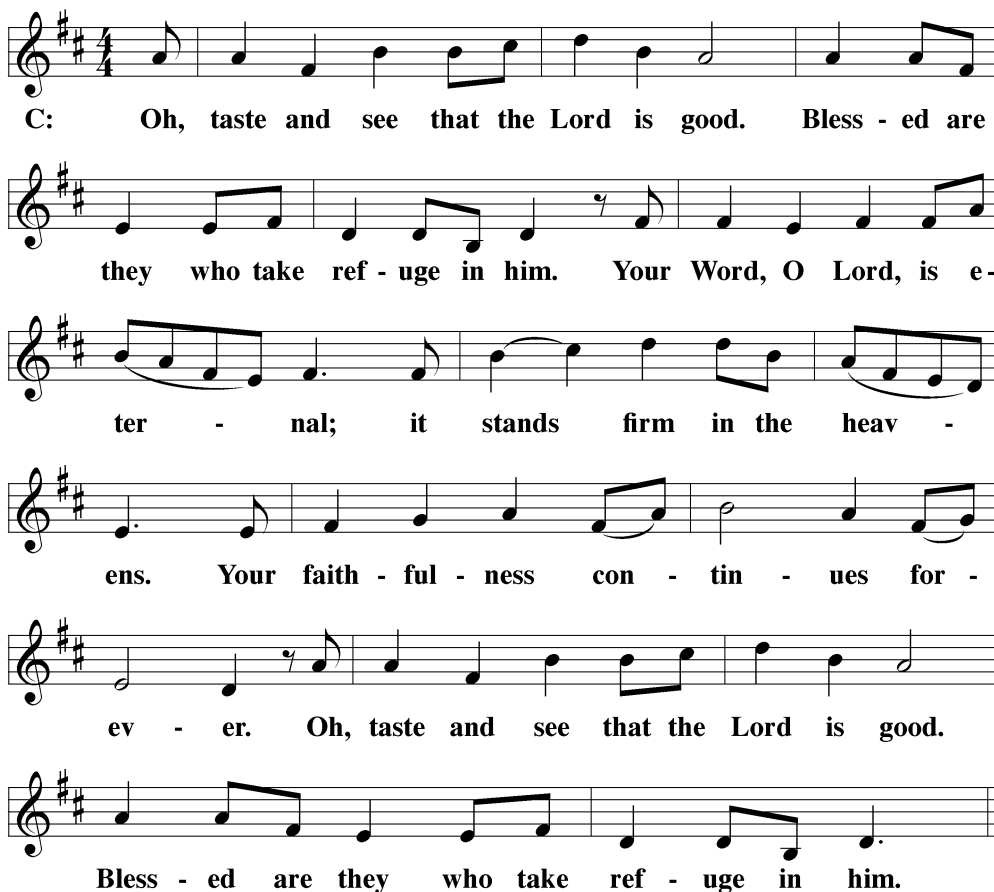
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7B-10

The Lord in his wisdom had given the Apostle Paul a “thorn in his flesh” some kind of physical ailment or weakness. Whatever this perpetual weakness was, it reminded Paul of his own mortality and kept him focused on the grace of God. This physical weakness led him to boast in the power of Christ and not in his own strength.

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

PSALM OF THE DAY, PSALM 1

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Blessed is the man

who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment*,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous*,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

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THE SECOND LESSON: LUKE 6:17-26

In Luke's account of the Beatitudes, which are Jesus teaching of blessings and woes, Jesus reminds us the kingdom of heaven does not operate as the world operates. This world says "be rich, be proud, be selfish" but the Lord says "be poor is spirit, humble in faith, and be generous in love." Following the ways of the Lord bring eternal blessings.

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

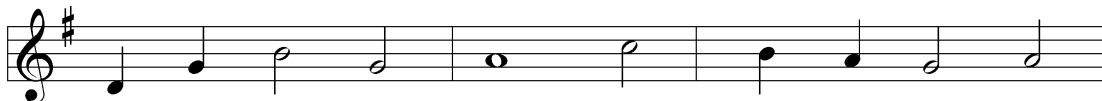
Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

HYMN, CW #462, "OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS"



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, And
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands— 'Tis



keep his stat - utes still! Oh, that my God would
make my heart sin - cere; Let sin have no do -
strict - er watch to keep; And should I e'er for -
a de - light - ful road— Nor let my head or



grant me grace To know and do his will!
min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
get your way, Re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: EVAN (CM) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870, adapt.

SERMON TEXT: JEREMIAH 17:5-8

This is what the Lord says: “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. ⁶That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

⁷“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. ⁸They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

Who You Trust Makes All the Difference!

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

HYMN, CW #367, "CHRIST BE ME LEADER"



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



Safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way.
Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.
Death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care;
Grant me to trust him, though shift - ing as sand.
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can



Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
Doubt can - not daunt me— in Je - sus I stand!
touch my sal - va - tion— with Je - sus I reign!

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Tune: SLANE (Irregular) Irish folk tune.

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

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.**

BE SEATED

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 #451, "PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND"

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near, When my life is al - most gone,
 near And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my

light. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
 fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
 hand, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.

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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:

Thank You Pastor Werner and Mr. Schroeder!

Thank you to Pastor Werner for leading service and sharing God's Word with us today. Thank you also to Mr. Schroeder for leading us in Bible Study this morning. We are truly blessed to have the knowledge and service of these two men.

Keep In Your Prayers!

Please continue to keep Pastor and Bethany Schwartz in your prayers as they deliberate a divine call to serve Prince of Peace in Salt Lake City, UT. Pastor Schwartz is being called to serve as associate pastor and Bethany is being called to serve as their lower grade teacher. Pastor Schwartz is currently serving Peace Lutheran in Trinity, FL and Bethany is currently serving Northdale Christian Academy as our kindergarten teacher.

Pioneer Campout Next Weekend!

Blessings to all our Pioneer campers and leaders on their campout this coming weekend. May you enjoy an amazing time in the wonder of God's creation. For last minute questions/information about the campout, please contact Angel Allan. Thank you to Angel and Nic Allan for all their hard work in being amazing leaders!

Not So Minor!

Next week we begin our study of another Minor Prophet, the Prophet Obadiah. It is only going to be a 1 Sunday study.... *Because the entire book of Obadiah only has 21 verses!* It a small writing, but a big picture of eternal glory! Come and join us next Sunday, 9:30am.

Women's Bible Study - Thursday nights (February - March), 7:30 PM

All women are welcome to join our early spring Bible study based on the book *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by Phillip W. Keller. Please purchase or download a copy of the book. This Bible study is being led by Aimee Hardman.

***Copies of our Bible Study schedule are on the back table in the entryway.

We meet in person in the church overflow room in the back of the sanctuary. Those who are unable to attend in person may join us online through Google Meet. We will read and discuss the chapters together. You may read the chapters before we meet, but it is not necessary.

I will ask Kallie Mendez to copy the meeting link and the study guide link each Thursday and send it out in the Daily Devotion and Announcements email.

We hope to have you join us!

Snacks & Fellowship

The Women of Northdale have set out a sign-up sheet to bring snacks for the Bible class and after worship gathering times. Please take a look and pick a Sunday to provide.

No Sunday School - February 20th

Due to the families and teachers involved in the Pioneer Campout trip, there will be no Sunday school on February 20th. We still have our regular Bible class, but there will be no Sunday School. Please mark it on your personal calendars.

Ash Wednesday Worship & Supper

On Wednesday, March 2nd we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday with a congregational supper from 6:00pm-7:00pm, with worship at 7:00pm. We will be having a “Potluck Supper” where members can bring a dish to share of their own choosing.

Here & Now - International Youth Rally 2022

Our WELS International Youth Rally will be held this summer at the University of Tennessee, home of the Volunteers! Over 2,000 of our teens from around the nation will join together for an amazing week of friendships and faith. Information and packets can be found on the back table in the church entryway.

- Where - University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- When – June 28 - July 1, 2022
- How much - \$395
- Who - those entering 9th - 12th grades (as for Fall 2022)
- For more information, visit wels.net/youthrally

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

WELS Summer Camps & Rallies

In order for all our youth/teens to be able to go to camp/rallies, there is financial aide available. These gifts come from our district and from our own members to help subsidize the cost to make it even more affordable. Talk with Pastor Guse for more information.

Called Workers:

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This Week:

Sunday (2/20): 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 -
 10:30 - Jeff & Allison Berg

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 - Dane Mattes
 10:30 - Dane Mattes
 Ushers: 8:30 - Nick & Parker Koren
 10:30 - Nick Allan & Vincent

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: \$384,809.42

Kids Pages



The Sermon on the Plain

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 6:17-26 (NIV).



J L K U Q G K C O M F O R T P
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reward
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evil
satisfied
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