

Northdale Lutheran Church

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

Transfiguration Sunday

February 27, 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, CW #106 COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: NAAR MIT ÖIE (87 87 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

Confession of Sins

M(inister): The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

M: Lord Jesus, on this day as we gather for worship, we are reminded of your awesome holiness and glory. Yet, we come before your throne this morning in deep humility knowing our offenses, failures, and faults, and confessing our sins before you.

C: `Forgive us of our greed in stockpiling the material things of this world, calling it "prosperity."

Forgive us for the grudges we hold against our neighbors and family, justifying it as "righteous anger."

Forgive us for having called our pride and arrogance, "self-esteem;" for thinking our gossip and slander, is "good conversation;" for excusing our selfish decisions, as "a free choice."

Forgive us for failing to stand up for the truth of your Word, so that we might be viewed as nonjudgmental and tolerant.

Forgive us for those crying out for help in body and soul, and yet we do nothing because of our so busy and hectic lifestyles. Forgive us this day of all our sins, and restore us to you once again.

M: O Lord, we deserve only to be thrown from your presence and suffer an eternity in hell. Even with a thousand life spans, we could never make amends for the wrongs we have done. Therefore, we simply bow ourselves before your throne and cry out for your mercy.

SONG OF MERCY LISTEN TO MY PRAYER, O LORD

Congregation

Listen to my prayer, O Lord, and hear my sigh.
Listen to my prayer, O Lord, and hear my voice.
Because of your great love, I can come into your holy house I can bow down to you in rev'rence meant for you.

Lord, please let me do your will; make your way plain.
Save me from my enemies, and hear my voice.
Because of your great love, I can come into your holy house
I can bow down to you in rev'rence meant for you.
Because of your great love, I can come into your holy house
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PLEASE STAND

The Comfort of Forgiveness Psalm 103

P:

"The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
Slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
He does not treat us as our sins deserve
Or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
So great is his love for those who fear him;
As far as the east is from the west,
So far has he removed our transgressions from us.
He has redeemed your life from the pit,
and crowns you with love and compassion."
Take heart this day, the Lord has forgiven you. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M:

Lord God, our refuge and strength, your faithfulness has protected us through the darkness of this night. Now this day, may your glory shelter us, shading us from the dangers that surround us, and leading us in joy along life's way. Look with favor upon your people and bless us with unity, harmony, and love for one another. Focus our minds and hearts on your blessed kingdom above, where shall one day live forever with you in glory everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD



THE FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 34 29-35

Moses was the giver of God's Law. Up on Mounty Sinai the Lord had given Moses the 10 commandments. When Moses came down the mountain with the commandments, his face was radiant in reflecting the glory of God with whom he had been speaking. It is in that same glory Moses would again stand in upon the Mount of Transfiguration, and the same glory we will one day stand in heaven.

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

Psalm 31, Surely it is God who saves me



In you, O LORD, I have taken <u>refuge</u>;* deliver me in your <u>right</u>eousness.

Be my rock of <u>ref</u>uge,* a strong fortress to <u>save</u> me.

Into your hands I commit my <u>spir</u>it;* redeem me, O LORD, the <u>God</u> of truth.

Refrain

My times are <u>in</u> your hands;* save me in your un<u>fail</u>ing love.

How great is your <u>good</u>ness,* which you have stored up for those who <u>fear</u> you.

You heard my cry for <u>mer</u>cy* when I called to <u>you</u> for help.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:7-18

Whereas the Law of God brings condemnation upon the sinner, the Gospel brings restoration and forgiveness. Whereas the Law was great, Christ is greater as the one who fulfilled the Law perfectly in our place. Everyday we live in the new covenant of Christ's love for us.

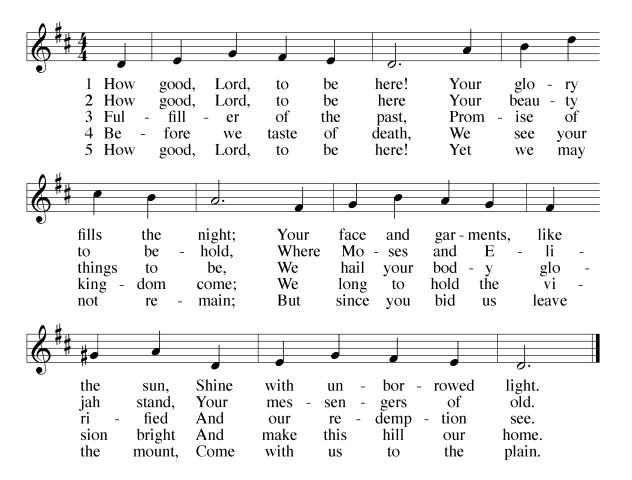
Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, 8will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? 9If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! 10For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. 11And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Children's Devotion

At this time, we invite all our young people to come forward to hear a special message prepared just for them.

SERMON HYMN, CW #95 HOW GOOD LORD TO BE HERE



Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

SERMON TEXT: LUKE 9:28-36

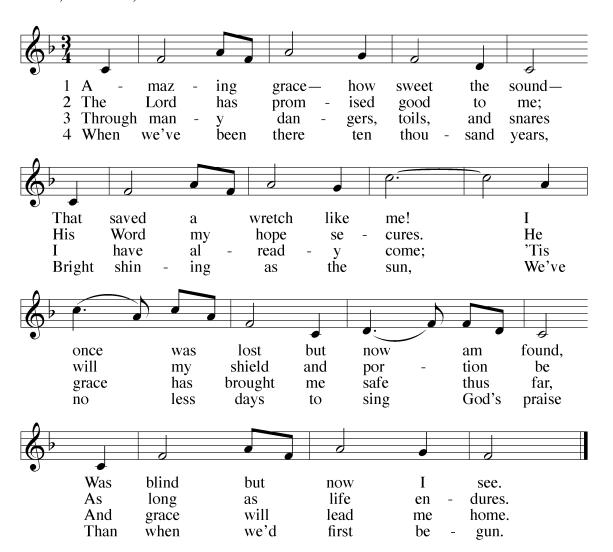
About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³²Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

It is Good to Be Here!

- 1) To see the Lord's glory
- 2) To hear the Lord's Word

HYMN, CW #379, "AMAZING GRACE"



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th century, st. 4. Tune: NEW BRITAIN (CM) *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829, alt.

OFFERING

In thanksgiving for God's many earthly and even greater eternal blessings to his people, we now worship the Lord with our offerings.

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 grow in faith, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our church body.

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.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. 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.

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

CLOSING HYMN, CW #327 GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN



Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904, abr., alt.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU (98 89 with Refrain) William O. Tomer, 1833-96.

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:

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.

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. Grades VPK-8 are scheduled to sing. We look forward to having our students add to the worship service. We will also have a "Potluck Supper" where members can bring a dish to share of their own choosing.

Quarterly Workday Coming Up!

Saturday, April 2nd, is the next scheduled Quarterly Workday for the campus. January's workday allowed us to get some vital projects completed around the campus, and wouldn't you know it, the list hasn't gotten any shorter! There are projects for all skill levels! Mark your calendars and come out and show our facilities some love! Projects may include light electrical work, carpentry, landscaping, vehicle maintenance, cleaning, desk repair, and more! We hope to see you there!

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be having a Scholastic Book Fair at NCA from March 3-10. Please help us reach our goal of earning new books for our school and VPK. You are welcome to stop by the overflow room in the church to check it out. It will be open after worship service on March 6, as well as after school all week, from 3:15-4:30pm. All purchases and donations go towards new books for our classrooms or you can consider donating books directly to the school.

More Than A Big Fish!

Beginning next Sunday morning, we will be studying the Minor Prophet.... "Jonah". Join us at 9:30am for Adult Bible study as we take a look at the life of Jonah. Not so much a story about a big fish as much as it is about God's Big Grace. A truly wonderful study about Christian faith and life!

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

We will 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. The schedule is on the back table.

Here & Now - International Youth Rally 2022

Our WELS International Youth Rally will be held this summer at the University of Tennessee. Information and packets can be found on the back table in the church entryway.

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. Information and packets can be found on the back table in the church entryway.

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This Week:

Sunday (3/6): 8:30 & 10:30 AM - Worship

9:30 AM - Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 - Dane Mattes Music: 8:30 - Elizabeth Guse

10.30 - Dane Mattes 10:30 - Elizabeth Guse Ushers: 8:30 - David Mosakowski Ushers: 8:30 - Jason Raines

10:30 -10:30 - Jeff & Allison Berg

Elder: David Mosakowski Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.—36 10.30 a m - 35

Total: 71

2020-2021 Year to Date Offerings Through January 2022

General Offering Received: \$141,717.90 General Offering Budgeted: \$145,833.31 Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$4,115.41)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (52 weeks): \$4,572 Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$4,808.00

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

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

Received Last Week: \$350.00 Total received to date: \$380,634.42