



**NORTHDALE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Northdale Lutheran Church

## *Northdale Christian Academy*

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

## **2nd Sunday of Easter**

April 24th, 2022

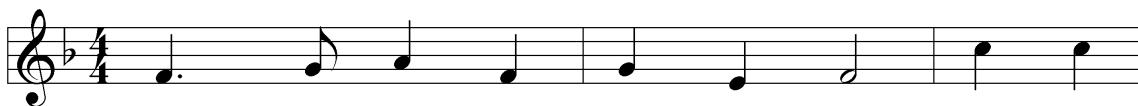
**Welcome to Northdale Lutheran!** We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:

- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and down the side hallway.
-  ❖ Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located down the side hallway and back in the preschool area.
- ❖ A mother’s nursing room is available in the back of the sanctuary.
- ❖ Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.

# CALL TO WORSHIP

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

*OPENING HYMN, CW#149 VS 1-4 "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY"*



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O



earth and an - gels say; Raise your joys and  
fight, the bat - tle won; Lo, our sun's e -  
burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -  
death, is now your sting? Once he died our



tri - umphs high; Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
clipse is o'er; Lo, he sets in blood no more.  
bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
souls to save; Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

*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, CW #149 VS 5-6 "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY"*

**5 Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Foll'wing our exalted head.  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!**

**6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to you by both be giv'n!  
God has now fulfilled his Word;  
Praise the resurrected Lord!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*BE SEATED*

# THE WORD OF GOD\*



## THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 5:12, 17-32

*After Jesus' resurrection, the disciples were emboldened to go out and proclaim the news of their risen Lord. Even though the unbelieving Jews tried to stop the preaching of the disciples by throwing them into prison, still the Lord would deliver them and the disciples would preach even more boldly, giving a clear confession that Jesus had risen from the dead.*

The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade

<sup>17</sup>Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. <sup>18</sup>They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. <sup>20</sup>"Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."

<sup>21</sup>At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. <sup>22</sup>But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, <sup>23</sup>"We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup>On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.

<sup>25</sup>Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." <sup>26</sup>At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

<sup>27</sup>The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. <sup>28</sup>"We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

<sup>29</sup>Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. <sup>32</sup>We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

## PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 66*

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



Shout with joy to God, all the earth!\*

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,\*

let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives\*

and kept our feet from slipping.

### *Refrain*

Come and listen, all you who fear God;\*

let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,\*

the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened\*

and heard my voice in prayer.

**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*

## CHILDREN'S DEVOTION

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

### THE SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 1:4-18

*John begins his book of Revelation as an encouragement to the Christians and their churches spread throughout Asia Minor. He reminds them that this same Jesus who was crucified, raised from the dead, and now ascended into heaven is the same Lord and Savior who will one day come again. That all Christians at anytime and everywhere can be certain of their salvation, only because Jesus arose from the dead and defeated death forever.*

John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup>“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”

and “every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him”;

and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”

So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup>which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”



<sup>12</sup>I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup>I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

SERMON HYMN, CW ##163 "WELCOME HAPPY MORNING"



1 "Wel-come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say;  
 2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, Life and Health of all,  
 3 He, of life the au - thor, Death did un - der - go,  
 4 Free the souls long pris - oned, Bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!"  
 God from heav'n be - hold - ing Hu - man na - ture's fall,  
 Trod the path of dark - ness, Sav - ing strength to show.  
 All that now is fall - en Raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the Dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!  
 Of the Fa - ther's God - head You, the on - ly Son,  
 Come, then, True and Faith - ful, Now ful - fill your word;  
 Show your face in bright - ness; Shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, All his works a - dore.  
 Man - kind to de - liv - er Man - hood did put on.  
 This is your third morn - ing— Rise, O bur - ied Lord!  
 As in E - den's gar - den When the world be - gan.

*Refrain*



"Wel-come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!"

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr.; tr. John Ellerton, 1826–93, alt.

Tune: SEI DU MIR GEGRÜSSET (65 65 D with Refrain) *Enchiridion Geistlike Lede und Psalmen*, Lübeck, 1545.

## **SERMON TEXT: *JOHN 20:19-31***

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## **“No More Doubts!”**

- 1) Our Savior has risen.
- 2) Our Salvation is won.

*Please Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

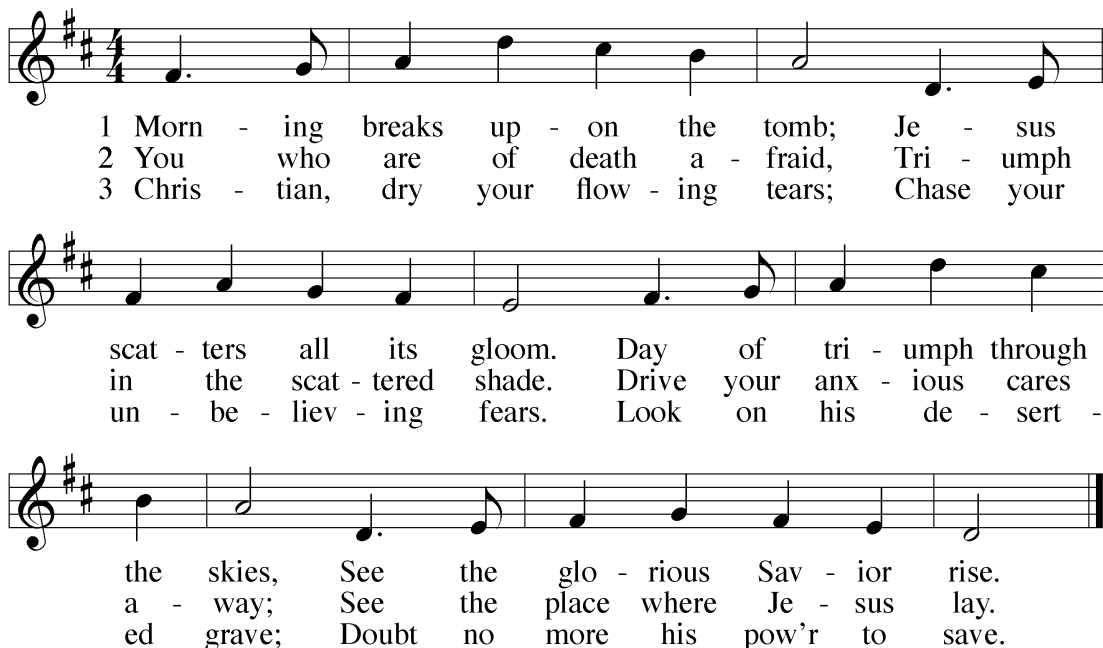
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 #159 “Morning Breaks upon the Tomb”**



1 Morn - ing breaks up - on the tomb; Je - sus  
2 You who are of death a - fraid, Tri - umph  
3 Chris - tian, dry your flow - ing tears; Chase your

scat - ters all its gloom. Day of tri - umph through  
in the scat - tered shade. Drive your anx - ious cares  
un - be - liev - ing fears. Look on his de - sert -

the skies, See the glo - rious Sav - ior rise.  
a - way; See the place where Je - sus lay.  
ed grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.

Text: William B. Collyer, 1782–1854, abr.

Tune: INNOCENTS (77 77) French melody, 13th century.

## **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.*

*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.**

## **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*

FINAL HYMN, CW #141 "AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING"



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
 2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,  
 3 Now no more can death ap - pall,  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!  
 5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.  
 Now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 This a - lone can sin de - stroy;  
 Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing  
 You have con - quered in the fight; You have  
 You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born  
 Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th century, abr.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-68, alt.

Tune: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT (77 77 4) *Kirchengeseng*, Ivanceice, 1566.

*All of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website [www.NorthdaleLutheran.org](http://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](mailto:office@northdalelutheran.org) and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.*

## **Announcements:**

### **Thank You Card / Gift Card Found!**

In one of the bags of Easter egg donations, there was a blank thank you card and gift card found. If you are missing these two items please talk to Pastor or call the office at 813-961-9195. Thank you to everyone that contributed towards the egg hunt!

### **Camp Donations!**

Ready! Set! Camp! Our summer Youth Campers and Teen Racers are all registered for their amazing weeks of faith, friends, and fun. In order to help reduce the cost of registration and transportation (*to make sure every child who wants to go, can go*), we are looking for members to either donate or sponsor a child for their camp week. These weeks of camp are part of an amazing spiritual education and something they will always remember. If you are able to help, please contact Pastor Guse. Thank you.

### **Congregational Voters' Meeting**

Today after late service we will be having a Voters' Meeting at 11:30am. We will be calling for a permanent 5th & 6th grade teacher for Northdale Christian Academy. There will also be a short update on some areas of our ministry.

### **Pinewood Derby**

Pinewood Derby Race and concessions will be held on May 15th at noon. Car kits are \$10 each and must be purchased from Angel Allan in order to be eligible to race. Proceeds from the sales will go towards the purchase of the track. All ages are welcome to make and race a car.

### **The Ministry of the Keys!**

It's the keys to the kingdom of heaven! During our adult Bible study hour will be taking a look at this ministry as it pertains to repentance and forgiveness, the role of the pastor, the way we worship, and church discipline. Come and see the great authority God has given to you as part of his kingdom of believers!

### **VBS Meeting 2022!**

It's time! *Rainforest Explorers* is on the way! To get things set up and going, we are going to have a VBS meeting on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00pm. If you are interested in helping with our VBS this year, please talk to pastor. Our VBS will run July 18th-22nd, from 9:00am - Noon. There is help needed before VBS, during VBS, whatever your time and schedule allows - you can help!

**Called Workers:**

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**This Week:**

Sunday (5/1):           8:30 & 10:30 AM - Worship  
                                   9:30 AM - Adult Bible Study

**Serving Today**

Music: 8:30 -  
           10:30 -  
 Usher: 8:30 - John Schofer  
           10:30 - Jeff & Allison Berg

**Serving Next Week**

Music: 8:30 - Chris Haring  
           10:30 - Aidan Berg  
 Usher: 8:30 -  
           10:30 -

**Attendance Last Week**

8:00 a.m.—45  
 10:30 a.m.—148  
 Total: 193

**2020-2021 Year to Date Offerings Through April 30, 2021**

General Offering Received: \$179,133.15  
 General Offering Budgeted: \$187,499.97  
 Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$8,366.82)  
 Average Weekly Offerings Received (39 weeks): \$4,593.00  
 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: \$150.00  
 Total received to date: \$385,759.42