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Northdale Christian Academy

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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 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 #389, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

of cleft hide 1 Rock А for Let ges, me. me _ 2 Not the la bors of Can ful fill _ my hands ing 3 Noth hand Ι bring, Sim - plv in to my 4 While fleet - ing breath, this When mine Ι draw eye θ Θ my - self in thee; the the blood Let wa ter and thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal res - pite know. no cling; thy cross I Na ked. thee for come to dress. lids close in death. When Ι soar to worlds un - known. θ of en side which flowed From thy riv Be sin the Could for - ev - er flow. All could my tears for sin Help look less. to thee for grace. Foul. Ι to the See thee thy judg-ment throne, Rock on of A ges, θ O guilt and pow'r. dou ble Cleanse me from its _ cure: not a tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone. Wash die! foun tain flyme, Sav ior, Ι or cleft for hide my - self thee! Let me in me,

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(ongregtion): And also with you.

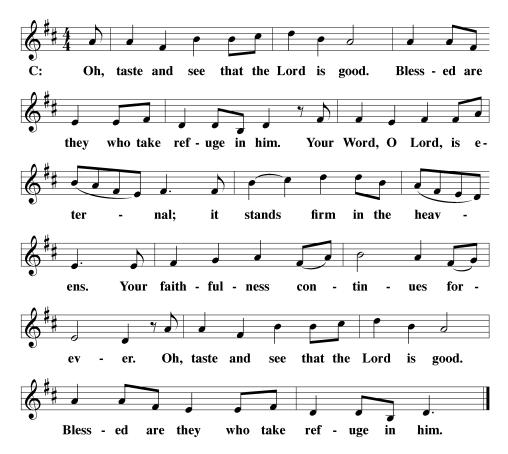
Confession of Sins

- 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



Prayer of the Day

M: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

The Word of God



The First Lesson: Acts 14:8-22

Wherever the Gospel is preached it brings triumph as well as opposition. As Paul began preaching Christ in Asia Minor; some misunderstood, some persecuted, and some believed. In all things Paul was simply the Lord's servant proclaiming the salvation of Christ to all people.

In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

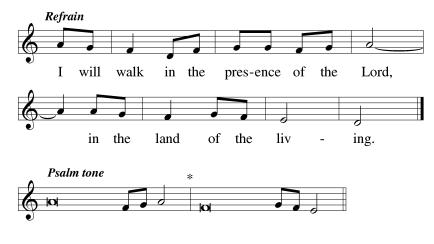
¹¹When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

¹⁴But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵"Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." ¹⁸Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

²¹They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, ²²strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

Psalm of the Day, Psalm 116



I love the LORD, for he <u>heard</u> my voice;* he heard my cry for <u>mer</u>cy.

Because he turned his <u>ear</u> to me,* I will call on him as long <u>as</u> I live.

The LORD is gracious and <u>righteous</u>;* when I was in great need, he <u>saved</u> me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my <u>soul</u> from death,* my eyes from tears, my feet from <u>stum</u>bling.

How can I repay the LORD* for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation* and call on the name of the LORD.

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

Refrain

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The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:21-27

In John's Revelation vision he sees the great and glorious kingdom of heaven. It is an eternal kingdom in which our eternal God fills everything in every way. It is a perfect kingdom in which all believers will one day dwell. What a blessed kingdom we look forward to!

The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.



Sermon Text: John 16:16-24

During Jesus' ministry, he often spoke to his disciples about his coming death and resurrection. Such is the case in our next reading. While the hostile world would rejoice at Jesus' death and the disciples would mourn, through Jesus' resurrection all grief would turn to joy as Jesus would rise from the dead and stand in victory over the grave.

Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

¹⁷At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying."

¹⁹Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'? ²⁰Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²²So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. ²³In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

Jesus Promises Joy 1 Though troubles threaten 2 Jesus' promise holds firm

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

Offertory *Musical Interlude "Jerusalem The Golden"*

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 <u>https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online</u>. 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.

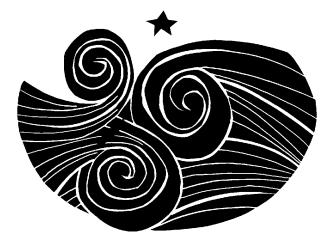
Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

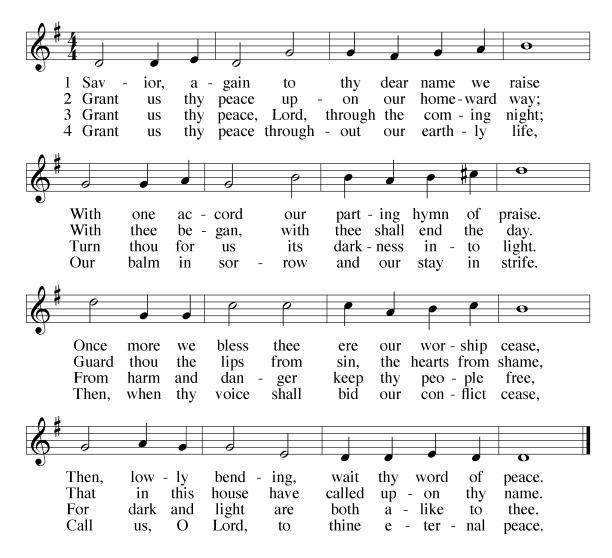
Lord's Prayer

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



Final Hymn, CW #321 "Savior Again To Thy Dear Name"



Text: John Ellerton, 1826–93, abr., alt.

Tune: ELLERS (10 10 10 10) Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901.

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 <u>www.NorthdaleLutheran.org</u>. 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:

<u>Thank You!</u>

Thank you to Pastor Werner for leading us in worship today and for reminding us about the importance of God's Word in our lives.

Winner! Winner!

Everyone who took part in the pinewood derby races last weekend was a winner. A special thank you to Nick and Angel Allan for leading our Pioneer Program this year. Colson Allan took the first place finish, followed by Tyler King and Skylar Allan. The special Craft Award went to Maggie Storm for her pool table car. *Pastor has already started working on his car for next year to improve on his 27th place finish.*

VBS Registration

VBS at Northdale Lutheran will be held July 18-22. VBS is for children ages three (potty trained) through entering 5th grade. You can register for VBS through the <u>Northdale</u> <u>Lutheran website</u>. This year's VBS is entitled *Rainforest Explorers - Jesus Leads the Way*. Register your child today or visit the website for more information.

Aiding Future Pastors and Teachers

Our pastor/teacher college, Martin Luther College in MN, every year sponsors a Congregational Partner Grant in which they match congregational gifts up to \$1,200 per student toward tuition. (Every Northdale student would then receive a \$2,400 tuition grant) As Northdale grows, more and more of our member students are pursuing ministry by attending our prep schools and college. In order to encourage them and help them on their way into full-time ministry service, Northdale has entered into the MLC Partnership. The monies raised will be matched dollar for dollar and given specifically toward our Northdale member students' tuition. We will be collecting this year's donation May-June. There are special envelopes on the entryway table. Donations can be put into the offering plate. Praise the Lord for our youth pursuing full-time ministry *(the next generation of pastors and teachers)* and for giving us the opportunity to help them along the way.

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.

Northdale Christian Graduation

Next week in the 10:30am service our Northdale Christian Academy will be celebrating our 8th grade graduation. May the Lord truly bless our students, not only as they leave our campus but as they also take their faith with them into their future years. The Lord has truly blessed our Christian education system!

South Atlantic District Convention

Our South Atlantic District Convention will take place June 7th-9th in Palm Harbor, FL. We will be gathering to be updated on the work of our Wisconsin Synod in both world and home mission fields as a whole, as well as to see our continued work in the Southeastern United States. We thank Steve Schroeder for serving this year as Northdale Lutheran's lay delegate.

This Week:

Sunday (5/29):	8:30 & 10:30 AM - Worship
	10:30 AM - VPK - 8 Sing & 8th Grade Graduation

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Serving Today Music: 8:30 - Nick Koren 10:30 - Aidan Berg Ushers: 8:30 - Chris Haring 10:30 - David & Grace Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 - Elizabeth Guse 10:30 - Elizabeth Guse Ushers: 8:30 - Chris Haring 10:30 - David & Grace Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.— 17 10:30 a.m.— 59 Total: 76

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

General Offering Received: \$198,087.90 General Offering Budgeted: \$208,333.30 Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$10,245.40) Average Weekly Offerings Received (43 weeks): \$4,607.00 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: \$1,750.00 Total received to date: \$387,509.42



God is with me when I am afraid.