# 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"

# **8th Sunday of Pentecost** July 31, 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 Nursing Mother's Room is available in the back of the sanctuary. This is a private place for nursing mother's and infant children if needed during worship. Please ask an usher if you have need of assistance.
  - Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.

# **Call to Worship**



# 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: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; 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: Ecclesiastes 1:1,2,12-14; 2:18-26

King Solomon writes of how meaningless the efforts of man in this temporary world can be. Unless we labor in the Lord, we labor in vain.

The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

2"Meaningless! Meaningless!"

says the Teacher.

"Utterly meaningless!

Everything is meaningless."

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! <sup>14</sup>I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

<sup>18</sup>I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. <sup>19</sup>And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. <sup>20</sup>So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. <sup>21</sup>For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. <sup>22</sup>What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? <sup>23</sup>All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

<sup>24</sup>A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

**Psalm of the Day,** (*Printed in the back of the bulletin*)

### The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

Since Christ died for us, we live every day in the light of his grace. We live, no longer controlled by our sinful natures, but by the love of Christ that is in us by faith.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

### **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, "I Need Thee Every Hour"



# Sermon Text: Luke 12:13-21

In his last words to his disciples, before his ascension, Jesus strengthens his disciples for the ministry that they ahead of them. They had seen his divine power, seen his resurrection from the dead, and now in the power of the Holy Spirit would go out and proclaim Christ to the world.

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

<sup>18</sup> "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

<sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

<sup>21</sup> "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

# "Rich In Christ"

Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine"





# Offering

We give our offerings out of love for Christ and in support of this ministry.

# 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

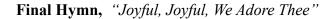
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Be Seated

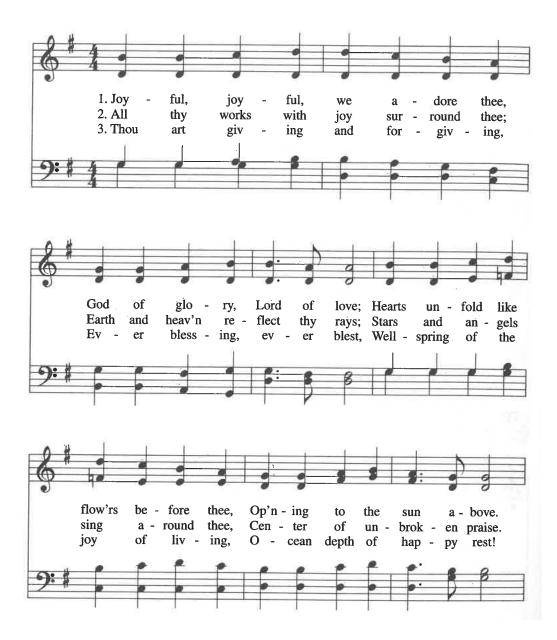
# Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

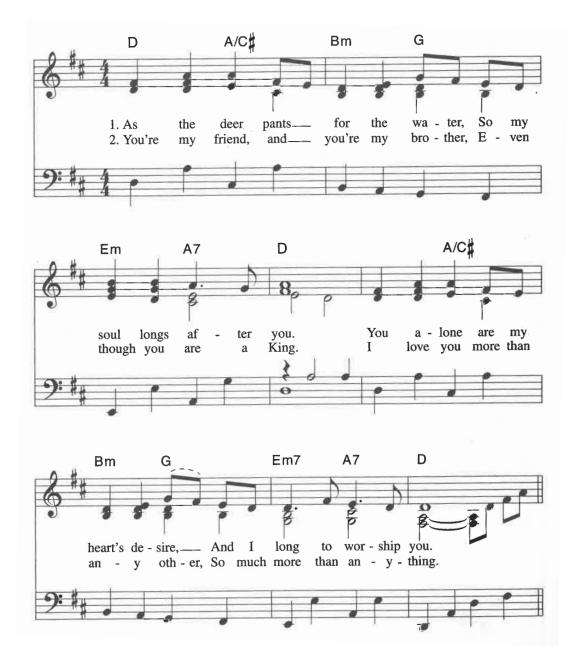
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

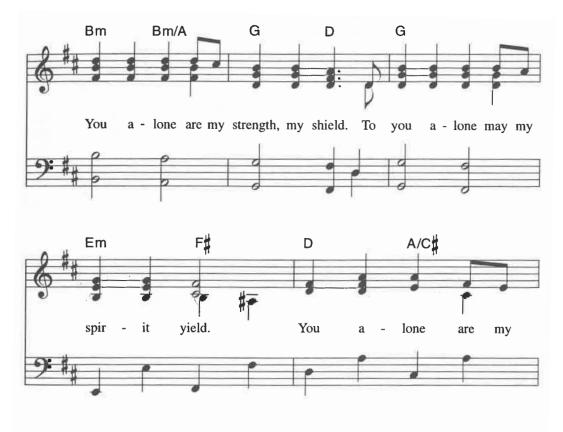






Psalm "As the Deer"







# **Announcements:**

# <u>Thank You, Thank You!</u>

Thank you to everyone who helped with our congregational work day yesterday. Thank you for helping maker campus beautiful and thank you for your service to the Lord. Everything looks awesome!

# Camp South Update

We had a great time at Camp South this week. Our 18 Northdale campers joined with 500 other campers from around our district. Churches and schools from Kentucky to Florida, from South Carolina to Louisiana. We had a great time in God's Word and making friends. Thank you to all our members for their love and support.

# Sunday School / Bible Class

Our year of Sunday School and Sunday morning adult Bible study will begin on Sunday, August 14th at 9:30am. Let's begin and end the year in the Lord by increasing our own faith and bringing our children to sit at their Savior's feet.

# **Pastor Visits**

If you or know of someone who is sick, homebound, hospitalized, shut-in, going in for surgery please let pastor know so visits can made to receive devotions, communion, comfort and strength from God's Word.

# End of Year Giving

As we closed out our July 2021 - June 2022 Budget year, our member giving came in at 95% projected to cover our ministry costs. It is a great blessing from Lord and and God's people have been generous. As we start our new budget year, let us continue to use our gifts and offerings in service to the Lord and for the building up of HIS Kingdom!

# NCA Opening

Summer is winding down and teachers are preparing for the start of a new school year. This year we welcome a new teacher, Mr. Daniel Roemhildt as we start our 23rd school year. Enrollment will be between 105 and 110 which is very near our capacity limits. Orientation takes place August 8 at 6:00 PM and the first day of school is August 10. NCA families should have received email messages with details for the upcoming school year. Please contact Mr. Mattes with any questions.

# **Called Workers:**

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# **Serving Today**

### Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 - Daniel Roemhildt 10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt Ushers:8:30- David & Grace Mosakowski 10:30 - Nick & Vincent Allan Music: 8:30 - Dane Mattes 10:30 - Dane Mattes Ushers: 8:30-10:30

### **Attendance Last Week**

8:00 a.m.—46 10:30 a.m.—74 Total: 120

# 2021-2022 Year to Date Offerings Through June 2022

General Offering Received: \$ 236,801.68 General Offering Budgeted: \$ 250,000.00 Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$ -13,198.32) Average Weekly Offerings Received (52weeks): \$ 4,554 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: \$1,750.00 Total received to date: \$387,509.42