

Northdale Lutheran Church

Northdale Christian Academy

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The 9th Sunday After Pentecost

August 7th, 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.



DIVINE SERVICE

A TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH LITURGY.

Gathering Rite on the Word of God

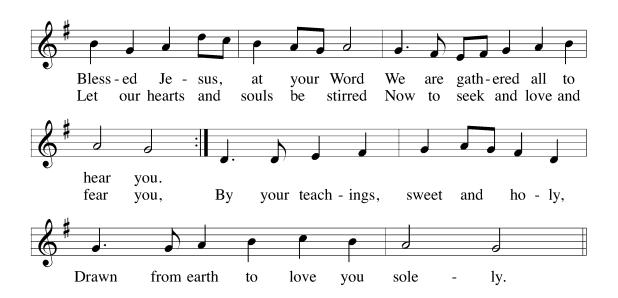
The early Christian Church used a Gathering Rite as believers would assembled for worship. A reminder as they came into church, they were coming into the presence and dwelling of God. The gathering right assembles us today in the presence of our God, to be assured of our forgiveness and to receive strength of faith to live as children of God.

Invocation

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship

of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you



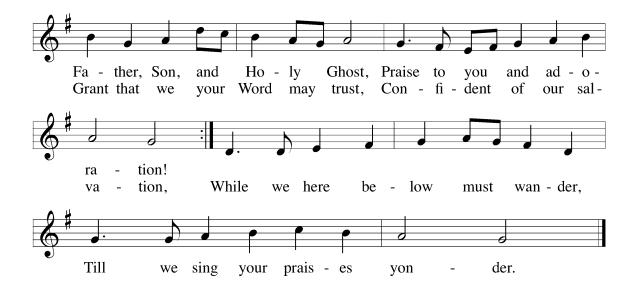
- **M:** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
- C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16,17)
- M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Please Stand

M: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.



Prayer of the Day

M: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Teacher Installation

Today we install Mr. Daniel Roemhildt as our full-time 7th-8th grade teacher, and Mrs. Elizabeth Guse as our full-time 5th-6th grade teacher. May the Lord bless their teaching ministries here at Northdale Christian Academy.

The Te Deum

Originally "Te Deum Laudamus" Latin for 'Thee, O God, We Praise You.' This was a sung response of the early Christian Church in the late 300s A.D. As the Te Deum is sung, you will notice it begins with praise to the Father as the one enthroned in glory, but then shifts to the Son and his atoning work for the salvation of all mankind.





Please Be Seated

THE WORD OF GOD*



The First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6

Although God had promised Abraham a son, Sarah had remained childless. Here the Lord renews his promise to Abraham of not only granting him a son, but also renewing the greater promise, the promise of a Savior who would come from Abraham's line. And in faith, Abraham simply trusted and believed.

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,

your very great reward."

²But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

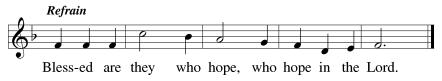
⁴Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." ⁵He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Psalm of the Day

The singing of Psalms has always been a part of worship dating back to God's people of the Old Testament. In 70 A.D. after Christians were scattered abroad by the great Roman persecution, the singing of Psalms was still able to unite believers in faith and worship no matter where they lived. Today, the Christian Church still incorporates Psalms in worship as a way of uniting believers everywhere in declaring the wonders and grace of God.

Psalm 71





In you, O LORD, I have taken <u>refuge</u>;* let me never be <u>put</u> to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your <u>right</u>eousness;* turn your ear to me and <u>save</u> me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can <u>al</u>ways go;* For you are my rock and my fortress.

Refrain

Since my youth, O God, you have <u>taught</u> me,* and to this day I declare your mar<u>vel</u>ous deeds.

Even when I am <u>old</u> and gray,* do not forsake <u>me</u>, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,* your might to all who are to come.

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: Luke 12:22-34

Every day the Lord richly and daily provides for his people, even more than we deserve. In this section the Lord teaches us not to worry. For if the Lord takes care of even the smallest of his creation, how much more will he take care of his people. Therefore every day, we seek first the Lord's kingdom and his abundant and eternal blessings.

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷ "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Please Stand

Nicene Creed

There are 3 creeds (confessions of faith) of the Christian Church. The Athanasian Creed which defends the divinity of Christ. The Apostles' Creed which defends the Christian faith based off the Apostles' teaching of Christ. The Nicene Creed which proclaims our Triune God and the individual work of each person; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed has been used in worship by the early Christian Church since the early 300s A.D., uniting each individual believer into one common Christian faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

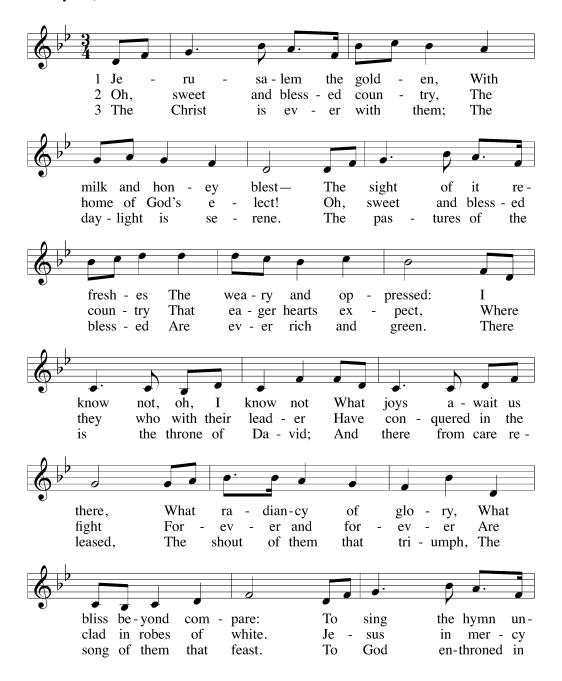
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

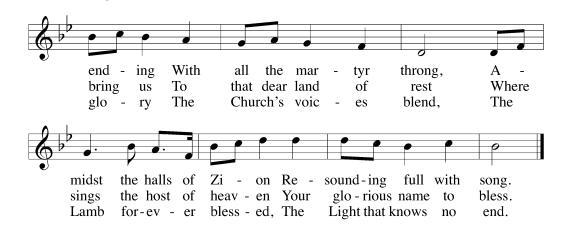
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please Be Seated

Sermon Hymn, CW #728 Jerusalem the Golden





Sermon Text: Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

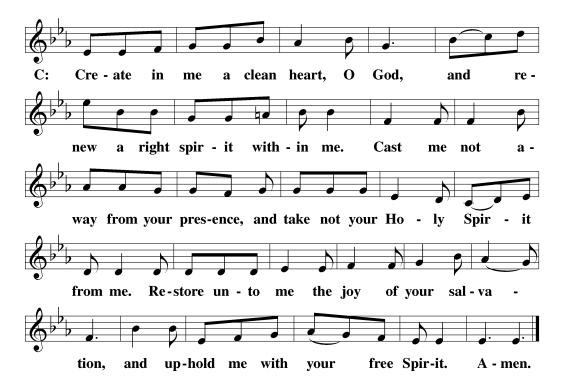
Sermon Theme:

Faith's Certainty

- 1) The Certainty of Hope
- 2) The Certainty to Trust

Create In Me

The singing of Psalm 51, after the sermon, became part of the Christian worship and liturgy in the mid-1500s A.D. It was incorporated into worship so believers might have a sung response to the hearing of God's Word. It is also a prayer, that the Word of God may be now forever implanted on our hearts and displayed in our lives.



Offering

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.

Prayer of the Church

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please Be Seated

The Service of the Sacrament

The celebration of the Lord's Supper is the highest point of Christian worship. The early Christian Church has always given the Lord's Supper a place of prominence in worship. The worship and liturgy have been building up to this pinnacle, where God now comes to meet with his people through the giving of his very body and blood for the assurance of forgiveness and for the strengthening of faith. It is where believers join at the Lord's altar, bearing witness to our shared faith in Christ and confessing the truth of our salvation.

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



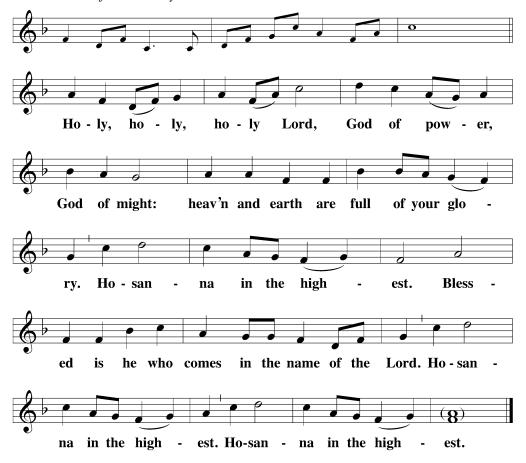
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Originally "Sanctus," Latin for "Holy." As the angels gathered around the throne of God to sing their 3 time "holy" song of praise to the Triune God (Isaiah 6:3), the early Christian Church incorporated this anthem into the liturgy of the Lord's Supper, as believers prepare to come forward to the altar of their "Holy" and "Triune" God.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Originally "Agnus Dei," Latin for "Lamb of God," was first used as part of the sacramental liturgy in the 600s A.D. This anthem so clearly depicts the sacrificial nature of Christ for the sins of the world, whose very body and blood Christians now come forward to receive in the bread and wine for the assurance of their forgiveness.



Distribution

(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.)

Guests:

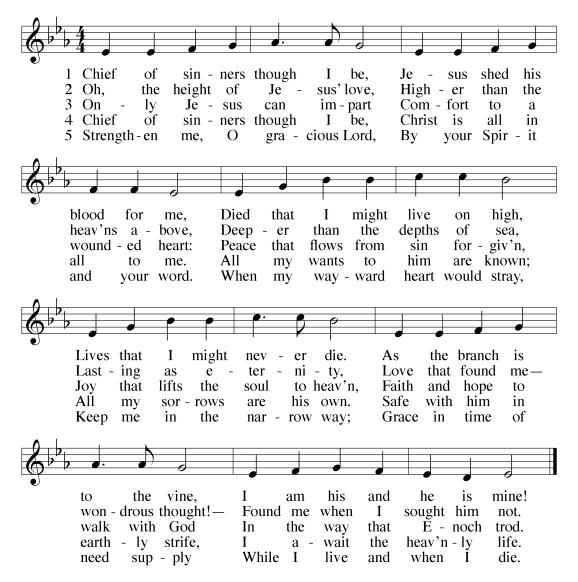
Since we believe in the Biblical principle found in 1 Corinthians 11:26, that communion at the Lord's table is a confession of faith, we ask that nonmembers please speak with pastor before communing. Thank you.



Distribution Hymn

The early Christian Church was known as the "Singing Church." Traditionally hymns and anthems were sung during the distribution of communion as a way of filling the sanctuary with the blessed music and proclamation of God's grace and favor. Today, the same hymns are sung as Christians come forward to the Lord's altar.

#385 Chief of Sinners though I Be



Text: William McComb, 1793–c. 1870, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

PLEASE STAND

Song of Simeon

Originally "Nunc Dimittis," Latin meaning "Now Let Depart." After holding the Christ Child in his arms and seeing the fulfillment of God's promise, Simeon (Luke 2) let out a song of praise. The Song of Simeon was incorporated into the Christian worship liturgy in the 1500s A.D. as an anthem of conclusion. After having received the Lord's Supper, the worshipper may now "depart in peace" knowing they are forgiven and at peace with God.



Closing Prayer

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Final Blessing

This closing blessing is also known as the "Aaronic Blessing." In the time of Moses, God commanded Aaron the High Priest to pronounce His name upon the Israelites to bless them, pronouncing the name of the Lord 3x, once for each member of the Holy Trinity. The Christian Church has always concluded its worship with the same blessing and then later added the "triple Amen" as a way of giving final praise to our Triune God.

M: 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



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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.

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Sunday School / Bible Class

Our year of Sunday School and Sunday morning adult Bible study will begin next 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.

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.

Sunday School Parent/Teachers

On the back table are the Sunday School teaching schedules. Make sure we get all the dates filled in. If you would like to volunteer to be a Sunday School teacher, please talk with pastor for more information.

The Ideal Congregation

What does the *Ideal Congregation* look like? Come and join us for our Sunday morning Bible study at 9:30am. We will be taking a look at a Christian Congregation and its focus, attitude, mission, and purpose. How wonderful it is when the Lord can take individual Christians and unite them into one body, a congregation of believers.

Communicating Christ - A Bible Information Class

Come and find out *What* we believe and *Why*! **Beginning Tuesday, September 6th at** 7:00pm - 8:00pm, we will going through the foundations of the Christian faith and what makes us Northdale Lutheran Church. This course is designed for new members wanting to know what we teach and believe, for current members to renew their doctrines of faith, and for anyone simply wanting to know what we believe and teach. Talk with Pastor Guse for more information.

Northdale Pioneers

A New Year is Starting! Northdale Pioneers is open for all boys and girls ages 1st - 8th grade. It is a program centered around growing faith, growing life skills, and growing friendships in Christ. The Northdale Pioneers will meet the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:00pm-7:30pm, **Beginning Thursday, September 1st at 6:00pm**. Talk with our Pioneer Leader, Angel Allan for more information 813.850.3718 call/text.

Pastor Pancake Breakfast

Favorite 4 Words - All You Can Eat!!! Stay after worship, come before worship, whatever you please. On Sunday, September 4th we will be serving a pancake breakfast in-between services from 9:30am-10:30am. Come enjoy a time to gather, meet, be a body in Christ!

Public School Confirmation Class

Public School Confirmation Class will begin **Tuesday, September 6th at 6:00pm-7:00pm.** All public school 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to come and learn the foundations of our Christian faith and begin their preparations in becoming active adult communicant members of God's Church. For additional information, contact Pastor Guse 920.517.9000 call/text.

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Serving Today

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

10:30 - Dane Mattes 10:30 - Elizabeth Guse

Ushers: 8:30 - John Schofer Ushers: 8:30 - Jason Raines

10:30 - David & Grace Mosakowski 10:30 - David & Grace Mosakowski