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

12th Sunday After Pentecost

August 28, 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.

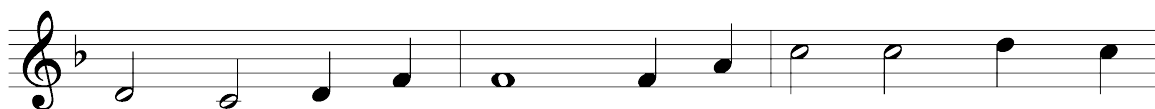
Hymn CW #517 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren with a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



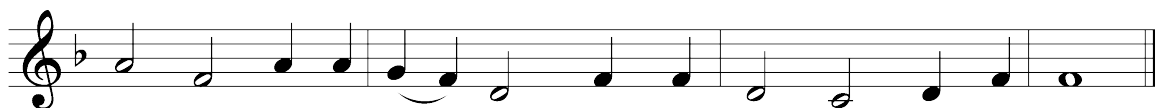
at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing
gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the
pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing
wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.
well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Declaration of Grace

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

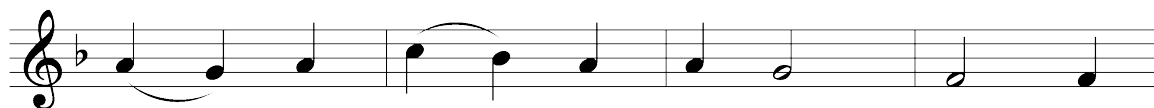
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Hymn CW#953 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of
 4 You are King of glo - ry, Christ, Son of
 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly



all, we bow be - fore you. All on
 God, yet born of Mar - y, for us
 Spir - it, three we name you, though in



earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -
 sin - ners sac - ri - ficed, on the cross our
 es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed



bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -
 sins did car - ry; first to break the bars of
 God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the



main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 death, you have o - pened heav'n to faith.
 knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774, abr.; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.
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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading Proverbs 25:6,7a

⁶Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;

⁷it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Devotion

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

Second Reading James 2:1–13

¹My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹²Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Hymn CW #561 *Before the Throne of God Above*



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
 3 Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



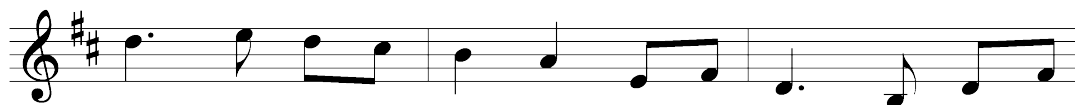
strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
 spot - less right-eous-ness, the great un - change - a - ble I



Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. At one with



grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 him, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his



heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can
 free; for God the just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

Gospel Luke 14:1,7–14

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Sermon

The Humility of Heaven

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

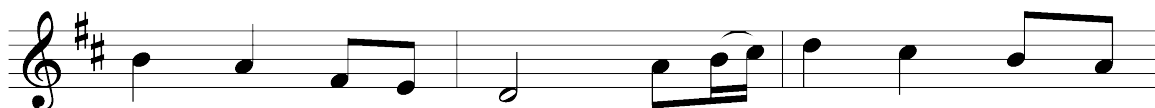
Hymn CW #748 *Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly*



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your



best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a
Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high
Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the



liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our
mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,
right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and



striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,
free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful
guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in



then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.
that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.
heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

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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. 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>.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. 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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn CW #927 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to
joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,
tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,
O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

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Announcements:

Party Planning!!!

In order to increase our church friendships and fellowship, we are putting together a group to organize events throughout the year. Perhaps an event every 5-6 weeks. Perhaps a congregational bowling day, women's movie night, tailgate and USF football game, game night, beach day, nature walk, or whatever else we can think of to get together and enjoy time together building friendships and faith. If you would like to be part of our party planning group, please contact Pastor Guse. 920.517.9000.

Sunday School / Bible Class

We started our year of Sunday School and Sunday morning adult Bible study. 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.

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 today for 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.

Pastor Pancake Breakfast - Next Week!

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!

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.

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.

Women of Northdale

Every woman is invited to attend our Women of Northdale meeting today **at 11:30am**. We will meet in the preschool/fellowship hall. We will be discussing upcoming fall events, future church gatherings, etc... There is a place for every woman to serve according to their own ability, time, wants, and availability. It is a great way to get back involved with your sisters in Christ.

Called Workers:

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Serving Today

Music: 8:30 - Daniel Roemhildt

10:30-Daniel Roemhildt

Ushers:8:30- John Schofer

10:30 -Jason Raines

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 -

10:30 -

Ushers:8:30- Chris Haring

10:30 - David and Grace Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.— 38

10:30 a.m.— 54

Total: 92

2022-2023 Year to Date Offerings Through July 2022

General Offering Received: \$ 17,573.50

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 20,287.68

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$ -2,714.18)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (4 weeks): \$ 4,393

Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$ 5,000

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