



**NORTHDAL**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Northdale Lutheran Church

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

## 13th Sunday in Pentecost

September 4, 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

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN, *CW #389 ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME*



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -



my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood  
thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,  
thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,  
lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,



From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the  
Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could  
Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the  
See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.  
foun - tain fly— Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!  
cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!

Text: August M. Toplady, 1740–78, alt.

Tune: TOPLADY (77 77 77) Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872.

*PLEASE STAND*

## 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**

## CONFESSION

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

## ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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: **Amen.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## O TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single line of music with the lyrics 'A - men.' printed below. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*BE SEATED*

# THE WORD OF GOD



## THE FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 30:15–20

*Just before the nation of Israel was about to enter the promise land, Moses reminded the people to not forsake the laws and ways of the Lord. A reminder to us that the only life we live, we live to the Lord.*

<sup>15</sup>See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup>For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

<sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

<sup>19</sup>This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup>and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

# Hymn #564 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

## *Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed



whole; There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to



heal the sin - sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis -  
2 If you can - not preach like



cour - aged And think my work's in vain, But  
Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul, You can

## *Refrain*



then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.  
tell the love of Je - sus And say he died for all.

Text: African-American spiritual, abr.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD (Irregular) African-American spiritual.

## THE SECOND LESSON: PHILEMON 1,7–21

*The Apostle Paul wrote to Philemon to encourage him to receive a servant of his, Onesimus, back in love. A great example of how our Heavenly Father daily welcomes us in his forgiveness, allowing us every day to live in loving service to others.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—

<sup>7</sup>Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup>yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

<sup>12</sup>I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup>I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup>But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup>I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

SERMON HYMN, CW #505 LOVE IS THE GRACIOUS GIFT



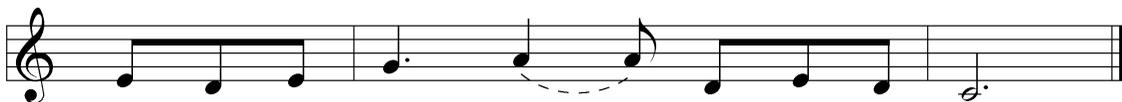
1 Love is the gra - cious gift of your good - ness;  
 2 You loved me first, Lord, send - ing me Je - sus.  
 3 Love means for - give - ness, pa - tience, and kind - ness;  
 4 Love in a mar - riage, love free - ly giv - en,  
 5 Love a - mong Chris - tians, love in the fam - 'ly,



Love is the pa - tient fruit of your care;  
 Then I re - spond - ed, trust - ing your Son.  
 Love is not jeal - ous, boast - ful, or rude.  
 Love of a hus - band, love of a wife—  
 Love for the Sav - ior, whose blood was shed,



Love is the gen - tle work of your Spir - it,  
 Now you in - vite me to love my neigh - bor,  
 Love en - dures all things, bear - ing, be - liev - ing;  
 Made to con - tin - ue, blos - som, and flour - ish,  
 Love and sub - mis - sion one to an - oth - er



Who is the source of love ev - 'ry - where.  
 Show - ing your true love to ev - 'ry - one.  
 Love hopes for - ev - er, re - joic - es in truth.  
 Grow ev - er deep - er through - out this life.  
 As un - to Christ, who reigns as our head.

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 Tune: BUNESSAN (Irregular) Gaelic melody, 19th century.

## **SERMON TEXT: LUKE 14:25–35**

<sup>25</sup>Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup>“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup>For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup>“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? <sup>35</sup>It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

## **Jesus Teaches True Discipleship**

*PLEASE STAND*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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.**

*BE SEATED*

**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

**All:** 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*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.*

### PREFACE

*(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.)*



**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

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



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



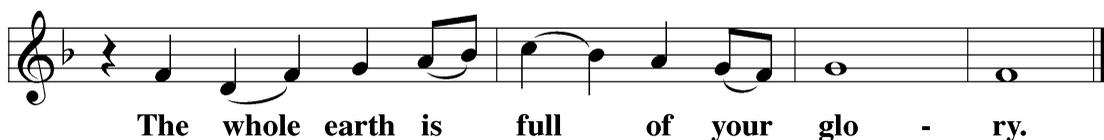
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



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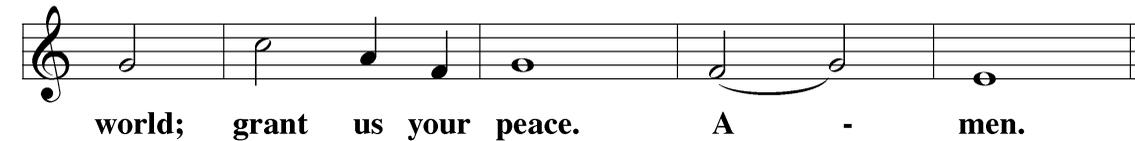
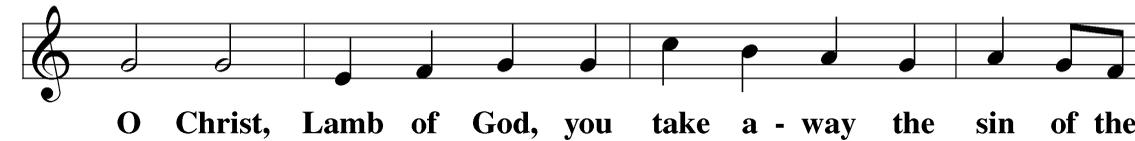
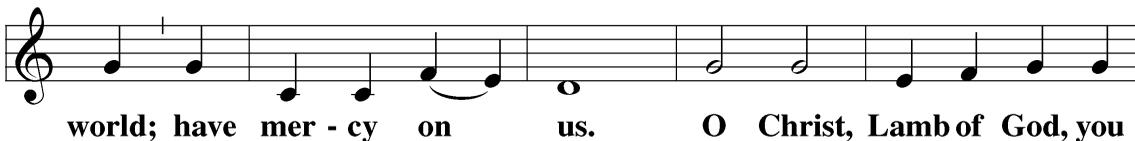


The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## 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.



*BE SEATED*

## **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:** SO THAT THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE PASTOR BEFORE COMMUNING WITH US.

**MEMBERS:** WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE "PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION" ON PAGE 156 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.



*PLEASE STAND*

## **FINAL PRAYER**

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, 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

## Closing Hymn, CW #490 *Love in Christ Is Strong and Living*



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing,  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing,  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er,



Bind - ing faith - ful hearts in one;  
Clothed in Christ's hu - mil - i - ty,  
Faint - ing not when ills at - tend;



Love in Christ is true and giv - ing—  
Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May his will in us be done!  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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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 as we continue next week 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 - Today!**

Favorite 4 Words - All You Can Eat!!! Stay after worship, come before worship, whatever you please. Today 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.

### **Called Workers:**

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### **Serving Today**

Music: 8:30 - Dane Mattes  
10:30 - Dane Mattes  
Ushers: 8:30- Chris Haring  
10:30 - David Mosakowski

### **Serving Next Week**

Music: 8:30 - Daniel Roemhildt  
10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt  
Ushers: 8:30 - John Schofer  
10:30 - Chris Haring

**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