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

15th Sunday in Pentecost

September 18, 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

Hymn CW #778 "Father, We Praise You"



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Please Stand

Invocation

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

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit. **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 #936 "All Glory be to God Alone"



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Prayer

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.

First Reading Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Money and riches are a great blessing from the Lord. Even though the Lord blessed King Solomon with an extreme amount of wealth, King Solomon knew that possessing wealth did not bring about peace and happiness in life. King Solomon writes about the struggles mankind has when money becomes the end all goal of life.

¹⁰Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. ¹¹As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them? ¹²The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

¹³I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners, ¹⁴or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when they have children there is nothing left for them to inherit. ¹⁵Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart. They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands. ¹⁶This too is a grievous evil: As everyone comes, so they depart, and what do they gain, since they toil for the wind? ¹⁷All their days they eat in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger.

¹⁸This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. ¹⁹Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. ²⁰They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

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 Luke 16:1-13

With the parable of the shrewd manager Jesus encourages his disciples to make good use of their money. In this parable a rich man is forced to fire his dishonest manger for wasting his possessions. The manager knowing his firing is coming quickly reduces and settles the debts owed to the master as a way securing a future for himself. The master commends the shrewd manager, even though using money not his own, to secure a future for himself. This parable is a reminder God has given us all earthly wealth of our own, and to use that earthly wealth wisely investing in the eternal kingdom of heaven.

¹Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— 4 I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶ " 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

⁷ "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

⁸ "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Hymn CW #729 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



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Sermon 1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Use Your Money!

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 truly 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.

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.

The Sacrament



Preface

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Hymn CW #200 "Holy, Holy, Holy"



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

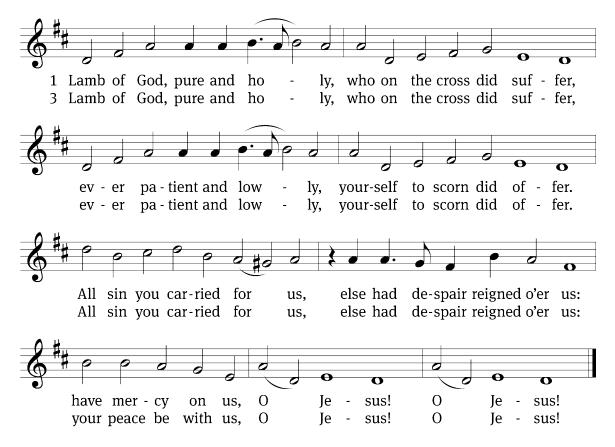
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

Words of Institution

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 T 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 T 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."

Hymn CW #947 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"



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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.

Please Stand



Thanksgiving CW #936 "All Glory Be to God Alone"

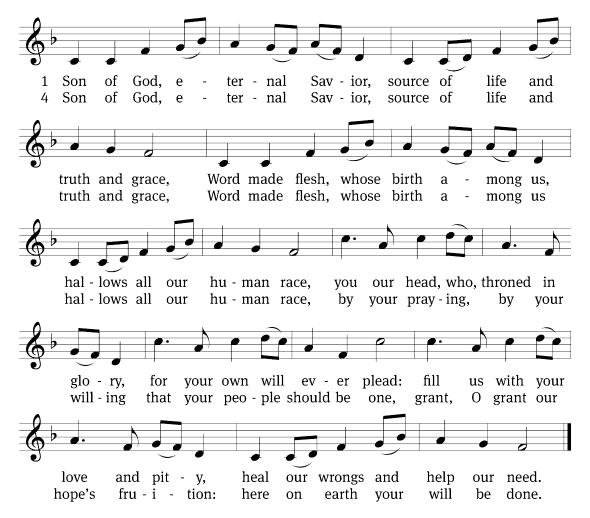
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Blessing

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 #729 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



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:

Sunday School / Bible Class

Sunday school and Sunday morning adult Bible study are held at 9:30am. What wonderful opportunities to increase our own faith and bring our children to sit at their Savior's feet.

The Ideal Congregation

What does the *Ideal Congregation* look like? Come and join us 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*! Communicating Christ is held on **Tuesday nights 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.

Buc Party! OR Packer Party!

Whoever you cheer for..... It's a football party! Join us on Sunday, September 25th at 4:00pm in the church overflow room for the game. **Bring a Tailgate Dish/Snack to Pass** for the game potluck. We will be streaming the game on the big TVs. Wear your colors, bring your poms, practice your victory dance, or just come for the food! - *no tickets necessary*

Fall Festival 2022

Today after service we will be having a presentation on our upcoming Fall Festival. All church members are needed to volunteer. What a wonderful opportunity to work together for this amazing community event.

Women's Book Study/Bible Study

All women are welcome to join a fall Bible study based on the book: *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World Finding intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life* Please purchase or download a copy of the book before the first meeting on October 1st. This Bible study will be led by Aimee Hardman. This study will only meet in person in

the church overflow room in the back of the sanctuary. We will read and discuss the chapters together. You may read the chapters before we meet, but it is not necessary. We would love to have you join us!

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Serving Today

Music: 8:30 - Dane Mattes 10:30 - Dane Mattes Ushers:8:30- Nick & Parker Koren 10:30 - Nick & Vincent Allan

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 - Daniel Roemhildt	
10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt	
Ushers: 8:30 - John Schofer	
10:30 - David & Emily Mosakowski	

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