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

Epiphany Sunday

January 8, 2023

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.
- ❖ There are “Busy Bags” available for young children. They are hanging on the wall next to the organ. Parents - Please keep the busy bags clean and in order before hanging them back up.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn CW #381 "The People Who in Darkness Walked"



1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious
2 To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is
3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the Ev - er - last - ing
4 His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r shall o - ver all ex -
5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, and make us yours a -



light; the heav'n - ly dawn broke forth on those who
giv'n, and on his shoul - ders ev - er rests all
Lord, the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the
tend; on judg - ment and on jus - tice based, his
lone, for you are with the Fa - ther and the



dwelt in death and night, who dwelt in death and night.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, all pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, the God by all a - dored.
reign shall have no end, his reign shall have no end.
Spir - it ev - er one, the Spir - it ev - er one.

Text: John Morison, 1749–1798, abr., alt.

Tune: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

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Please Stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

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.

Silence for meditation and reflection

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.

Hymn CW 953 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”



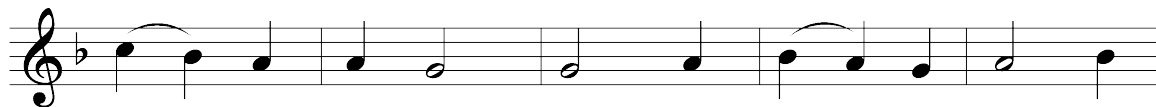
1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of
4 You are King of glo - ry, Christ, Son of
5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly



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

Tune: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774, alt.

Text and tune: Public domain

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; 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 Isaiah 60:1-6

The Prophet Isaiah speaks to a time of future deliverance, not only was it an immediate deliverance for the oppressed nation of Israel, but also an eternal deliverance for all people oppressed by sin and death. Isaiah proclaims the appearing of a Savior, whose glory will shine before all nations and before him all the worship and wealth of nations will come.

¹“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. ²See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴“Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. ⁵Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Hymn #CW 607 “*Bless the Lord, O My Soul*”

Refrain

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I’ll worship your holy name.**

1

**The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning;
it’s time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. (*Refrain*)**

2

**You’re rich in love, and you’re slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (*Refrain*)**

3

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending—
ten thousand years and then forevermore. (*Refrain*)**

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 Ephesians 3:2-12

When the Word of God is preached, the depths of God's forgiveness and love for sinners is revealed. God's love was manifested through the sending of his Son to be our Savior. When Christ appeared, he came to bring salvation to all people and unite all into one body as heirs of his eternal kingdom.

²Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

⁷I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Hymn CW #372 “As with Gladness Men of Old”



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore,
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down.



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led by thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King!

Text: Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, alt.

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Sermon Matthew 2:1-12

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

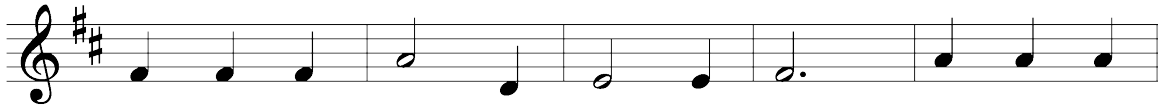
“⁶ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

“Wise Men Still Seek Him”

Hymn CW 570 "God Loved the World So that He Gave"



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives the
5 If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your
6 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save that all who would in
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.
soul from death; this is the an - chor of my faith!
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens- Opffer, Stettin, c. 1778

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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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>.

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. 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.

Blessing

Hymn CW #803 "Day by Day"



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Announcements:

Story Walk

We are looking for volunteers to help with our annual Story Walk event on Saturday, February 11, 1-3PM! This event is an open house to promote our academy, especially for the younger children in our community. Families follow a path around our playground, reading the book, 'Shark Lady' and other activities set up around the campus. We will need help with crafts, snacks, and games. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Joanne Mattes, 920-588-7596. Thank you!

Preferred Enrollment Period for NCA

Northdale Christian Academy is implementing a preferred enrollment period for members of Northdale Lutheran Church, current NCA families and their siblings through January 31. Currently enrolled students who are returning will complete the re-enrollment process through TADS. The re-enrollment fee (K-8 only) will be \$400 per child through January 31. The fee will increase to \$500 February 1 and \$600 March 1. The full tuition and fee schedule for 2023-2024 is available on our website. Families with children new to NCA need to complete the online application for enrollment prior to January 31 to qualify for preferred enrollment. Open enrollment for the community will start February 1. Should re-enrollment present any challenges or if you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr. Mattes directly. Visit NorthdaleChristianAcademy.org > Admissions to learn more.

Elijah and his Whirlwind Ministry

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. We will be taking a look at the Prophet Elijah's ministry, his ups and downs, his troubles and triumphs. It was a whirlwind, even at the very end!

Unity Sunday

In praise to our God, we will be having a Unity Sunday on February 19th. There will be one service at 10:30am followed by a time of fellowship that includes; cookout, pine wood derby, playground, and friendships.

Congregation Voters' Meeting

We will be having our regular bi-annual voters' meeting on Sunday, January 29th after the late service. We will be giving updates on membership, finances, and ministry.

Party Planning Committee!

That's right! New Year - New Fellowship Opportunities! We would like to thank our committee for their work during the 1st half of the school year - the Trivia Night, the Women's Night Out, the Men's Dinner Date, the Church BBQs, The Pie and Cookie Socials, all good stuff!. The Party Planning Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, January 18th at 6:00pm** to begin planning future events. If you would like to join our party group - please come. We would love to have you!

Want Financial Peace?

Everybody does! Financial Peace is a Bible based principal way of dealing with God's gift of wealth and possessions. We all wish we had more money, could get on a path for getting out of debt, have more money vacations, retirement, and kingdom work. This course will help you get on a road to financial stability, get out of debt, and manage your wealth for the present and future. This course has been utilized by over 1.5 million families who have gained financial wisdom and changed their lives. Financial Peace is **beginning on Sunday, January 22nd at 5:00pm**. The course will then continue on Sunday nights at 5:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the back entryway table - WE SHOULD ALL SIGN UP TODAY! More details will be coming in the weeks ahead, but make a commitment for yourselves and for your family. Talk with Pastor Guse for more information.

No Sunday School

Due to the Pioneer camping trip weekend there will be no Sunday school on January 15th, but there will be adult Bible class at 9:30am.

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 - Dane Mattes
10:30 - Dane Mattes
Ushers: 8:30 - Chris Haring
10:30 -

2022-2023 Year to Date Offerings Through October 2022

General Offering Received: \$ 78,806.55

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 85,733.32

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (-6,926.77)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (18 weeks): \$ 4,378

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