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

The 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

January 22, 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:



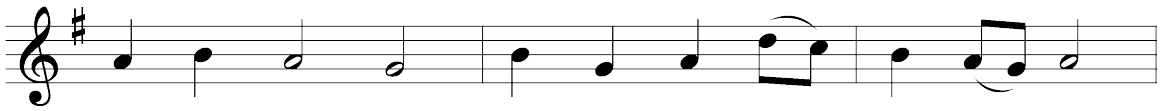
- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- ❖ To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Nursing Mother’s 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

Opening Hymn, #919 *"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"*



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,
help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
Church now rais - es; hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Confession of Sins

M(inister): The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

M: Lord Jesus, on this day as we gather for worship, we are reminded of your awesome holiness and glory. Yet, we come before your throne this morning in deep humility knowing our offenses, failures, and faults, and confessing our sins before you.

C: `Forgive us of our greed in stockpiling the material things of this world, calling it “prosperity.”

Forgive us for the grudges we hold against our neighbors and family, justifying it as “righteous anger.”

Forgive us for having called our pride and arrogance, “self-esteem;” for thinking our gossip and slander, is “good conversation;” for excusing our selfish decisions, as “a free choice.”

Forgive us for failing to stand up for the truth of your Word, so that we might be viewed as nonjudgmental and tolerant.

Forgive us for those crying out for help in body and soul, and yet we do nothing because of our so busy and hectic lifestyles.

Forgive us this day of all our sins, and restore us to you once again.

M: O Lord, we deserve only to be thrown from your presence and suffer an eternity in hell. Even with a thousand life spans, we could never make amends for the wrongs we have done. Therefore, we simply bow ourselves before your throne and cry out for your mercy.

Hymn CW #523 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*



1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his
3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



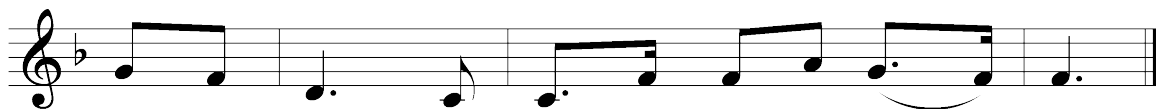
mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the
un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has
I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

Please Stand

The Comfort of Forgiveness

Psalm 103

P: “The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
 Slow to anger, abounding in love.
 He will not always accuse,
 nor will he harbor his anger forever;
 He does not treat us as our sins deserve
 Or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 So great is his love for those who fear him;
 As far as the east is from the west,
So far has he removed our transgressions from us.
 He has redeemed your life from the pit,
 and crowns you with love and compassion.”
Take heart this day, the Lord has forgiven you. Amen

Prayer of the Day

M: Lord God, our refuge and strength, your faithfulness has protected us through the darkness of this night. Now this day, may your glory shelter us, shading us from the dangers that surround us, and leading us in joy along life’s way. Look with favor upon your people and bless us with unity, harmony, and love for one another. Focus our minds and hearts on your blessed kingdom above, where we shall one day live forever with you in glory everlasting. Amen.

Be Seated

THE WORD OF GOD

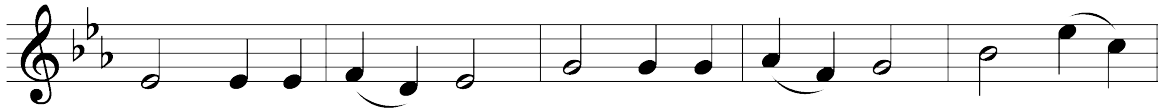


The First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-6

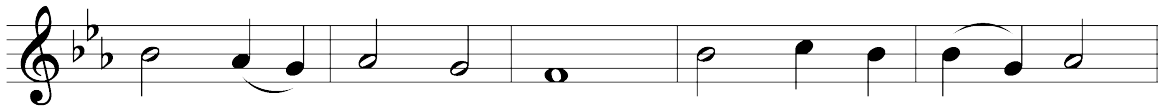
The ministry of Isaiah was not an easy one. Even though he preached the Word of God, it was often met with rejection and hostility even amidst God's own people. Yet Isaiah put his trust in the Lord because his work and calling were first to the Lord. Every day we live and work for the Lord, we do so in the Lord's strength and promises even though we may not always see earthly or immediate results.

¹Listen to me, you islands;
hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the Lord called me;
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me into a polished arrow
and concealed me in his quiver.
³He said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.
Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand,
and my reward is with my God."
⁵And now the Lord says—
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord
and my God has been my strength—
⁶he says:
"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

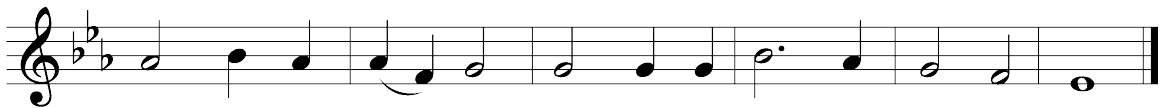
NCA K-8 Sings, 10:30am Service Hymn CW #522 "Beautiful Savior"



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands, robed in



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,



tru - ly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, he makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.

8:30am Service 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,



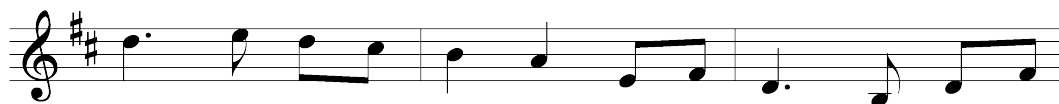
strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I



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.

Children's Devotion

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

The Second Lesson: John 1:29-41

John the Baptist was sent by God to prepare the way for Jesus and turn the hearts of people to their Savior. Even though John the Baptist had obtained followers by his preaching, he now points them to follow Christ and put their faith in him. As Jesus called his first disciples, it is Jesus who still calls us to be his disciples in this world today, as witnesses of his forgiveness and love.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³²Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

Sermon Hymn, CW #703 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Sermon Text: Colossians 2:6-15

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

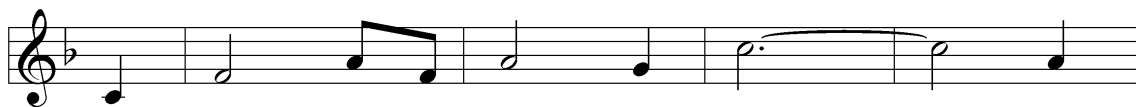
“Be A Strong Disciple”

1. Holding to God’s Word
2. Holding to God’s Grace

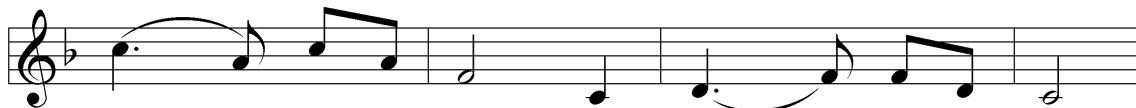
Sermon Hymn, CW #379 "Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I
 His Word my hope se - cures. He
 I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
 Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,
 will my shield and por - tion be
 grace has brought me safe thus far,
 no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.
 As long as life en - dures.
 And grace will lead me home.
 Than when we'd first be - gun.

Offering

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.

Please Stand

Prayer of the Church

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and grow in faith, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our church body.

Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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

Closing Anthem CW #518 "Christ be My Leader"



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way. ____
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth. ____
death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care, ____
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand, ____
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can



dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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.

Announcements:

Thank you!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your incredibly generous gift for our family. This past year has brought many unexpected challenges. We know our broken world brings pain and suffering. We also know that God promises to walk beside us and provide us with blessings in many unexpected ways. We count you as one of those unexpected blessings. To be part of a body of believers who are willing to step in and help carry another family through earthly challenges is a reflection of God's love. Thank you for loving us, for praying for our family and for supporting us! God Bless you all.

All our Love,
The Colorado Spiegelbergs,
Tim, Jamie, TJ, Drew, Keira & Tatum

Ash Wednesday Worship & Dinner

Join us on February 22nd for **Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00pm**. It is a wonderful opportunity set our hearts and minds on the journey of Jesus to the cross for the salvation of the world. There will be a **Potluck Dinner at 6:00pm**, which means “bring whatever you want to pass” - it is always a wonderful opportunity gather together in worship and meal.

Pioneer Meeting

On February 19th the Pioneer pinewood derby will be at noon. There will be a concession stand lunch to raise funds for Pioneers. Anyone is welcome to purchase a derby car kit and join the race. Car kits are \$10 each, and are available in the back of church. Contact Angel Allan (813)850-3718 with any questions

Story Walk

We are looking for volunteers to help with our annual Story Walk event on Saturday, February 11, 10-12PM! 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 are 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!

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. We will also be presenting a **Future Ministry Vision** for our campus, as we consider growth, building, and expansion.

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.

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 today 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.

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Serving Today

Music: 8:30 - Daniel Roemhildt
10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 - Dane Mattes
10:30 - Dane Mattes