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

4th Sunday in Epiphany

January 29, 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:



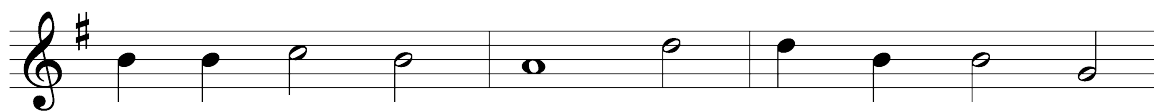
- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- ❖ To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Nursing Mother’s 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 #520 *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
3 The name of Je - sus calms our fears and
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; he



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
earth a - broad, the hon - ors of your name.
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; his blood a - vails for me.

Please Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the (+) 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 #520 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

5 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; the
6 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

Lamb of God was slain. His life was once an
ev - er, ev - er giv'n by saints be - low and

of - f'ring made that you might live a - gain.
saints a - bove, the Church in earth and heav'n.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; 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 Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11–13

Zephaniah declares the destruction of the arrogant and haughty. Only the humble in faith will stand before the Lord and live eternally.

³Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,
you who do what he commands.

Seek righteousness, seek humility;
perhaps you will be sheltered
on the day of the Lord's anger.

¹¹On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame
for all the wrongs you have done to me,
because I will remove from you
your arrogant boasters.
Never again will you be haughty
on my holy hill.

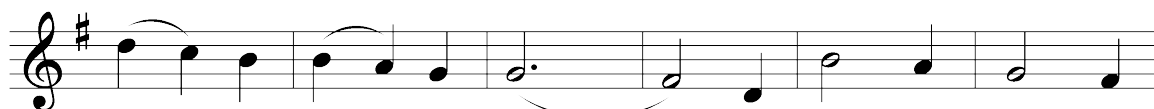
¹²But I will leave within you
the meek and humble.
The remnant of Israel
will trust in the name of the Lord.

¹³They will do no wrong;
they will tell no lies.
A deceitful tongue
will not be found in their mouths.
They will eat and lie down
and no one will make them afraid.”

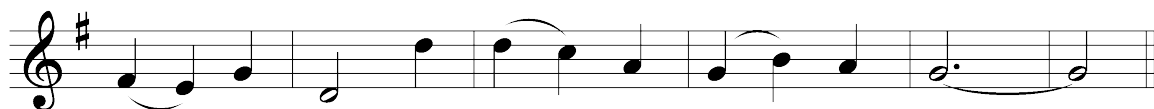
Hymn #CW 555 "The Lord's My Shepherd"



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; he
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall



makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -



lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

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 Matthew 5:1–12

The Beatitudes are statements of blessing. In this section, Jesus recounts how his people who live in the blessing of faith now on earth, will receive the greater eternal blessings of heaven.

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them. He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hymn CW #519 “There Is a Redeemer”



- 1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, hope_ for sin - ners slain.
there I'll serve my King for-ev - er in____ that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your Son



and leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Sermon 1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

“Boast in the Lord”

1. He has given you reason
2. His Glory never fails

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.

Hymn CW #783 "Abide With Me"



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,
5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
and though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
thou hast not left me oft as I left thee;
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
on to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me!

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

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

Hymn CW #783 *"Abide With Me"*



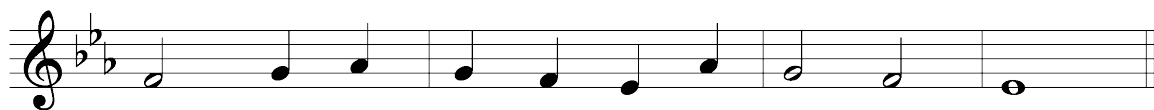
6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
7 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.



Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



I tri - umph still if thou a - bide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me!

Announcements:

Pastor John Beck

Pastor Beck had been serving our churches in southern Florida (Englewood & Fort Meyers area) before retiring to Wisconsin. Even though he has retired, his love for the ministry still remains. With his connection to Northdale and an opportunity to escape part of the cold winter, Pastor Beck will be coming to Florida to work with us in our ministry from February 18th through March 6th. Pastor Beck will be working with Pastor Guse in outreach in neighboring neighborhoods as well as helping make membership visits. Pastor Beck will also be preaching and doing Bible class on “Servant Leadership” on Sunday, March 5th. Pastor Beck will be here for our Unity Sunday and you will have a chance to meet and greet him then. If you would like have Pastor Beck over for a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday night dinner, please make arrangements through Pastor Guse.

Moms & Tots and a Park!

On **Thursday, February 9th** all our “Stay at Home” mom’s, caretakers, or even dad’s can bring their toddlers out for a gathering at **Lettuce Lake Park at 10:00am**. We will be meeting at the main playground area. Bring a snack, bring an extra diaper, bring a stroller as we let our children play and gather as a family of Christ. The cost to get into the park is \$2.00 cash. If you are have trouble finding our group, forgot your \$2 at the gate, or want more information, contact Pastor Guse 920-517-9000 call/text. See you there!

Men’s Night Out

Come and join us for an afterwork gathering on **Wednesday, February 15th at 6:00pm**. We will be meeting at **Glory Days**, 14457 N Dale Mabry Hwy. What a great opportunity to gather and meet your brothers in Christ. And there are Door Prizes!

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 - Pinewood Derby

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!

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

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.

Called Workers:

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Serving Today

Music: 8:30 - Elizabeth Guse

10:30 - Elizabeth Guse

Ushers: 8:30- Nick Koren

10:30 - David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 -

10:30 -

Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer

10:30 - Smayling/Schebel

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.— 38

10:30 a.m.— 54

Total: 92

2022-2023 Year to Date Offerings Through December 2022

General Offering Received: \$ 126,275.95

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 128,599.98

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$-2,324.03)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (26 weeks): \$4,857

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