NORTHDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Northdale Christian Academy

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The 5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 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.
 - 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.

DIVINE SERVICE

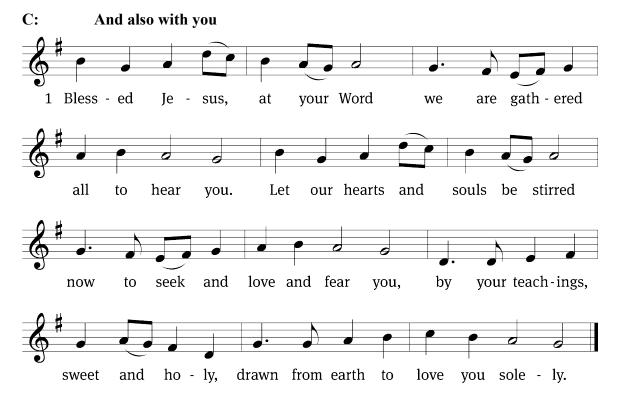
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Gathering Rite on the Word of God

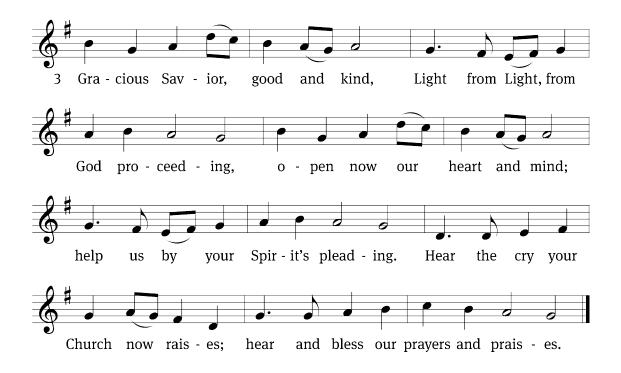
The early Christian Church used a Gathering Rite as believers would assembled for worship. A reminder as they came into church, they were coming into the presence and dwelling of God. The gathering right assembles us today in the presence of our God, to be assured of our forgiveness and to receive strength of faith to live as children of God.

Invocation

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



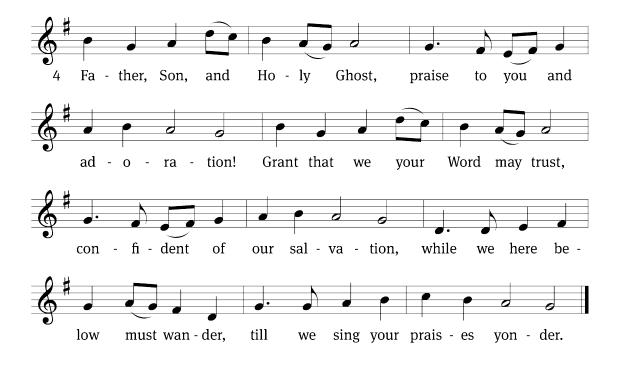
- **M:** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, (2 *Timothy 3:16*)
- **C:** so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 *Timothy 3:17*)
- **M:** Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.
- 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.





M: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (*John 20:31*).

The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.



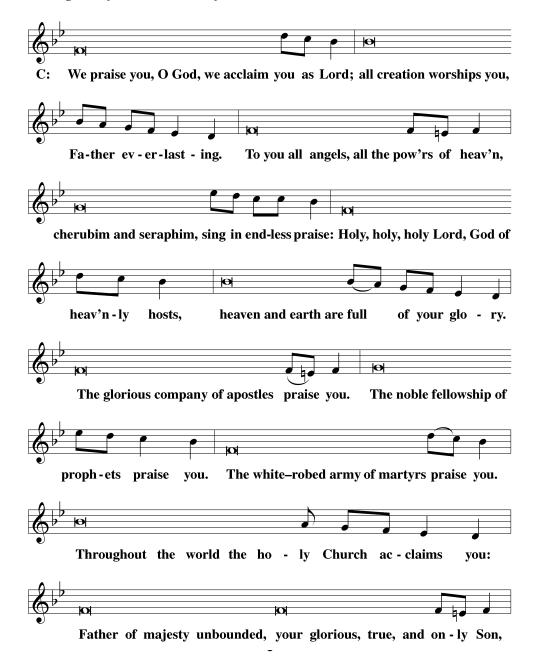
C: (spoken) Amen.

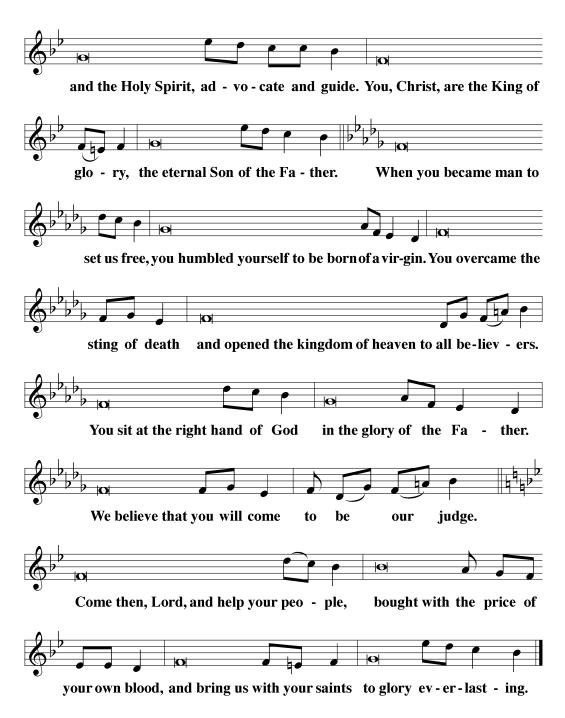
Prayer of the Day

M: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Te Deum

Originally "Te Deum Laudamus" Latin for 'Thee, O God, We Praise You.' This was a sung response of the early Christian Church in the late 300s A.D. As the Te Deum is sung, you will notice it begins with praise to the Father as the one enthroned in glory, but then shifts to the Son and his atoning work for the salvation of all mankind.





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THE WORD OF GOD*



The First Lesson: 1 Peter 2:9–12

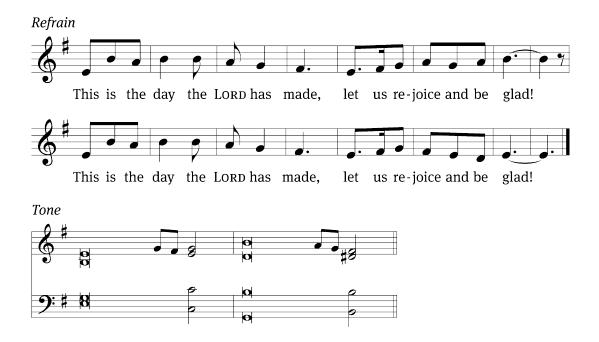
Peter reminds us who God has made us in Christ. We are no longer our own, but redeemed and called in faith to be his witnesses in the world.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Psalm of the Day

The singing of Psalms has always been a part of worship dating back to God's people of the Old Testament. In 70 A.D. after Christians were scattered abroad by the great Roman persecution, the singing of Psalms was still able to unite believers in faith and worship no matter where they lived. Today, the Christian Church still incorporates Psalms in worship as a way of uniting believers everywhere in declaring the wonders and grace of God. Psalm 118



The Lord is my strength and / my defense;

he has become my sal- / vation.

The Lord's right hand is / lifted high;

the Lord's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,

and will proclaim what the / Lord has done. Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;

you have become my sal- / vation.

The stone the builders re- / jected

has become the / cornerstone;

the Lord has / done this,

and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. 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.

The Second Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20

What good is salt that has no taste? What good is a light that can not be seen? These are the pictures Jesus uses to describe the living faith of Christians. Our faith is meant to be active in and seen by the world, as we seek to bring the salvation of Christ to all people.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

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Nicene Creed

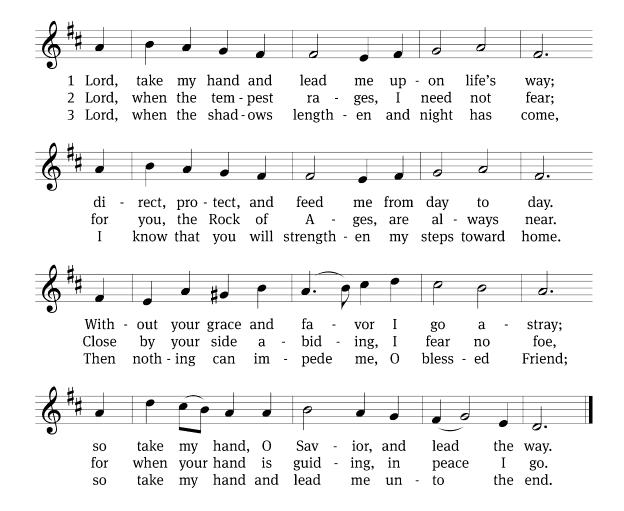
There are 3 creeds (confessions of faith) of the Christian Church. The Athanasian Creed which defends the divinity of Christ. The Apostles' Creed which defends the Christian faith based off the Apostles' teaching of Christ. The Nicene Creed which proclaims our Triune God and the individual work of each person; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed has been used in worship by the early Christian Church since the early 300s A.D., uniting each individual believer into one common Christian faith.

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.

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Sermon Hymn, CW #849



Sermon Text: Exodus 19:1-8

¹On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

³Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. ⁸The people all responded together, "We will do everything the Lord has said."

So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord.

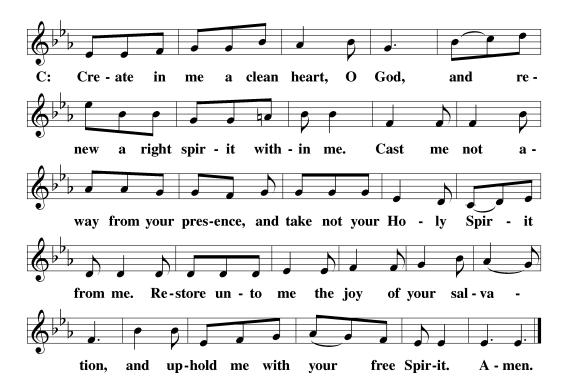
Sermon Theme:

Lord, Lead Us!

Solely by your Grace
 In the comfort of your Promises

Create In Me

The singing of Psalm 51, after the sermon, became part of the Christian worship and liturgy in the mid-1500s A.D. It was incorporated into worship so believers might have a sung response to the hearing of God's Word. It is also a prayer, that the Word of God may be now forever implanted on our hearts and displayed in our lives.



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 <u>https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online</u>. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.

Please Stand

Prayer of the Church

- M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.
- C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.
- M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.
- C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

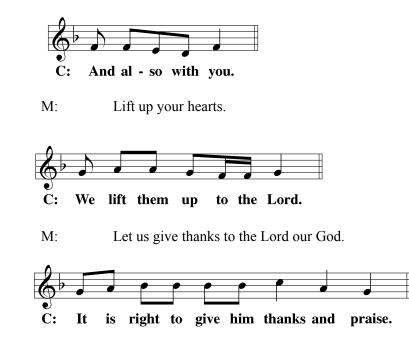
M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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The Service of the Sacrament

The celebration of the Lord's Supper is the highest point of Christian worship. The early Christian Church has always given the Lord's Supper a place of prominence in worship. The worship and liturgy have been building up to this pinnacle, where God now comes to meet with his people through the giving of his very body and blood for the assurance of forgiveness and for the strengthening of faith. It is where believers join at the Lord's altar, bearing witness to our shared faith in Christ and confessing the truth of our salvation.

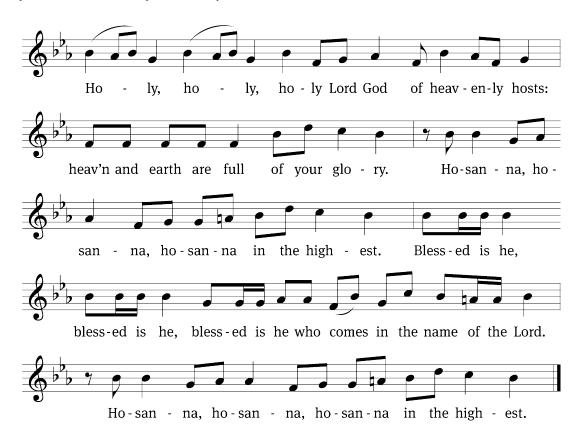
M: The Lord be with you.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Originally "Sanctus," Latin for "Holy." As the angels gathered around the throne of God to sing their 3 time "holy" song of praise to the Triune God (Isaiah 6:3), the early Christian Church incorporated this anthem into the liturgy of the Lord's Supper, as believers prepare to come forward to the altar of their "Holy" and "Triune" God.



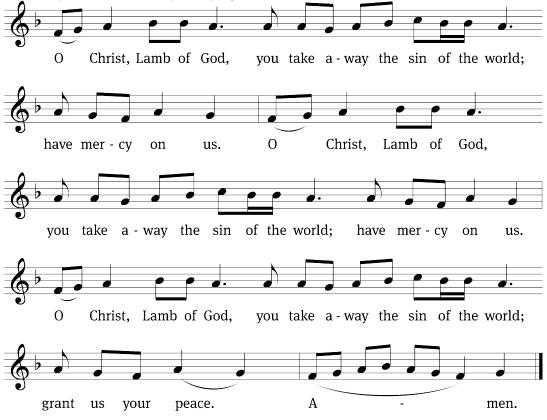
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Originally "Agnus Dei," Latin for "Lamb of God," was first used as part of the sacramental liturgy in the 600s A.D. This anthem so clearly depicts the sacrificial nature of Christ for the sins of the world, whose very body and blood Christians now come forward to receive in the bread and wine for the assurance of their forgiveness.



Distribution

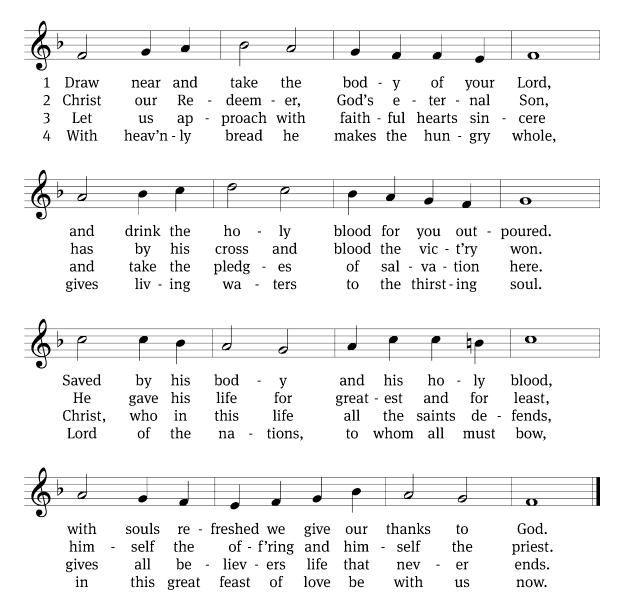
(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.)

Guests:

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.

Distribution Hymn

The early Christian Church was known as the "Singing Church." Traditionally hymns and anthems were sung during the distribution of communion as a way of filling the sanctuary with the blessed music and proclamation of God's grace and favor. Today, the same hymns are sung as Christians come forward to the Lord's altar.



Song of Simeon

Originally "Nunc Dimittis," Latin meaning "Now Let Depart." After holding the Christ Child in his arms and seeing the fulfillment of God's promise, Simeon (Luke 2) let out a song of praise. The Song of Simeon was incorporated into the Christian worship liturgy in the 1500s A.D. as an anthem of conclusion. After having received the Lord's Supper, the worshipper may now "depart in peace" knowing they are forgiven and at peace with God.



Closing Prayer

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Final Blessing

This closing blessing is also known as the "Aaronic Blessing." In the time of Moses, God commanded Aaron the High Priest to pronounce His name upon the Israelites to bless them, pronouncing the name of the Lord 3x, once for each member of the Holy Trinity. The Christian Church has always concluded its worship with the same blessing and then later added the "triple Amen" as a way of giving final praise to our Triune God.

M: 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



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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:

Academia Cristo (Iglesia Cristo WELS Internacional)

This is a new self-directed class for people who are Spanish speaking to learn more about the Bible and God's plan of salvation for all people. If you or anyone you know would like to check it out, simply download the Academia Cristo App, and it will walk you through the set-up and get you on your way. Thousands of people have already begun to use Academia Cristo, as it is a very simply way to begin learning about the Bible and the love of a Savior. We have been using Academia Cristo in Latin America and have been seeing many blessings, as people can use this course at their own pace and in their own homes. Please speak with Pastor Guse for more information.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

<u>Story Walk</u>

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!

Want Financial Peace?

Everybody does! Financial Peace is a Bible based principal way of dealing with God's gift of wealth and possessions. This course has been utilized by over 1.5 million families who have gained financial wisdom and changed their lives. Financial Peace is held on Sunday nights at 5:00pm in the church overflow room.

Called Workers:

Pastor Matthew Guse: Principal Dane Mattes: Aimee Hardman: Christopher Haring: Joanne Mattes: Mary Mosakowski: Elizabeth Guse: Daniel Roemhildt: 920-517-9000 Pastor@NorthdaleLutheran.org 920-588-7599 Dane.Mattes@NorthdaleLutheran.org 813-464-5113 Aimee.Hardman@NorthdaleLutheran.org 517-202-7283 Chris.Haring@NorthdaleLutheran.org 920-588-7596 Joanne.Mattes@NorthdaleLutheran.org 813-362-2492 Mary.Mosakowski@NorthdaleLutheran.org 760-622-2161 Elizabeth.Guse@NorthdaleLutheran.org 507-469-3063 Daniel.Roemhildt@NorthdaleLutheran.org

Serving Today

Music: 8:30 - Daniel Roemhildt 10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt Ushers: 8:30 - Nick Koren 10:30 - David Mosakowski Serving Next Week Music: 8:30 - Daniel Roemhildt 10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer 10:30 - Smayling/Schebel

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