



**NORTHDALE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Northdale Lutheran Church

## *Northdale Christian Academy*

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

## Kingdom Worker Sunday

February 26, 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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Hymn CW #745 "Hark the Voice"



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
- 2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,
- 3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
- 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are ripe and har - vests wait - ing; who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
you can tell the love of Je - sus, you can say he died for all.  
point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing, and the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; rich re - ward he of - fers thee.  
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,  
with your prayers and with your of - f'rings you can do what God de - mands;  
Take the task he gives you glad - ly, let his work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"  
you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.  
you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
an - swer quick - ly when he call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

*Please Stand*

**Invocation**

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **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!**

**Forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

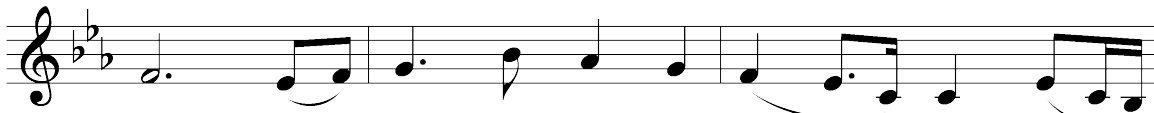
M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn CW #710 "Beneath the Cross"



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I find a place to  
2 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus his fam - 'ly is my  
3 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the



stand, and won - der at such mer - cy that  
own. Once stran - gers chas - ing self - ish dreams; now,  
crown, we fol - low in his foot - steps where



calls me as I am; for hands that should dis -  
one thro' grace a - lone. How could I now dis -  
prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be -



card me hold wounds which tell me, "Come." Be - neath the  
hon - or the ones that you have loved? Be - neath the  
fore us to be his per - fect bride. Be - neath the



cross of Je - sus my un - wor - thy soul is won.  
cross of Je - sus see the chil - dren called by God.  
cross of Je - sus we will glad - ly live our lives.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, before you ascended to your throne of glory, you commissioned your followers to gather disciples from all nations. Grant strength to those who go in your name to declare your gospel near and far. Empower them to preach, teach, and live in your love. Bless their efforts, and make them strong to persevere beneath every cross they must bear; you live and reign, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading 1 Samuel 3:1–10

*Even though Samuel's mother (Hannah) gave her son to serve in the tabernacle of the Lord, it was the Lord who would call Samuel into full-time ministry and service. It is our pastors and teachers today, who have answered the Lord's calling to serve full-time in His kingdom with the same words, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."*

<sup>1</sup>The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

<sup>2</sup>One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup>Again the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

<sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup>A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

## **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      Romans 10:9–15

*How can people hear about Jesus, if there is no one to preach to them? The Christian Church will always have need for full-time preachers and teachers, who faithfully proclaim the salvation of Christ to the next generation. We might not all be called to serve the Lord in full-time ministry, but each one of us is called to proclaim Christ's love to others, in our own personal mission fields.*

<sup>9</sup>If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup>As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup>for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup>And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”



Hymn CW #896 "Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give"



1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give the grace to you a -  
2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand to spread your Word o'er  
3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, re - vive their sink - ing



lone to live. Set free from sin to serve you, Lord, they  
sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and make them strong to  
hopes a - gain; and when suc - cess crowns what they do, O



go to share your liv - ing Word, the gos - pel mes - sage  
heal sin's ills, to right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver  
keep them hum - ble, Lord, and true un - til be - fore your



to pro - claim that all may know your sav - ing name.  
wind and wave, and might - y is your arm to save.  
judg - ment seat they lay their tro - phies at your feet.

Sermon      **Matthew 9:35–38**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

## "Where are the Workers?"

Hymn CW# 889 "*Jerusalem, the Golden*"



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—  
2 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!  
3 The Christ is ev - er with them, the day-light is se - rene;



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.  
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect,  
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,  
where they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight  
There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare:  
 for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white:  
 the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.



to sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng,  
 in mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest  
 To God en - throned in glo - ry the Church's voic - es blend,



a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.  
 where sings the host of heav - en your glo - rious name to bless.  
 the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the Light that knows no end.

## 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.**

## Offering

*We bring our offerings as we seek to bring the good news of Christ's salvation to the world. Our offerings are our worship and praise to the glory of God.*

## Prayer of the Church

M: Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

**C: Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.**

M: 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, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C: Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.**

M: 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.

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

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

### *Silent prayer*

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. 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.

**C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**


## 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 (+) give you peace.

## Hymn CW #746 "I Love to Tell the Story"




1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know it's true;  
And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.  
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

# **Announcements:**

## **Thank You!**

Thank you to Pastor Chartrand from Michigan Lutheran Seminary for being with us today, Thank you for sharing God's Word and the ministry taking place at MLS. Michigan Lutheran Seminary is located in Saginaw, MI and is one of our synod prep schools which exists specifically to encourage/train young men and women for full-time preaching and teaching ministry.

## **Men & Women - God's World!**

Beginning next week we will be starting a new Bible study on the God-given roles of men and women, and how those roles are carried out in a Christian home and in God's Church. Bible class takes place Sunday mornings at 9:30am and is held in the church sanctuary.

## **Northdale Voters - Call Meeting**

On Sunday, March 12th we will be holding a call meeting to extend a divine call for a kindergarten teacher in our Northdale Christian Academy. The call meeting will take place at 11:30am, immediately following the conclusion of the late service.

## **Let's... Bible Brunch!**

Join us on **Wednesday, March 8th at 11:00am** for a time of feeding our bodies and our souls. All attendees are asked to bring a food or appetizer item to pass and share. Doesn't have to be much, but it does have to be edible. We will begin with food and Bible study topic. We will end with food and social time. Drinks will be provided. Contact Pastor Guse for more information, 920.517.9000. See you there!

## **Church Picnic!**

Mark your calendars now! Our yearly church picnic will be held on Sunday, March 26th beginning at 11:30am (*after the late service*). There will be food, games, activities, and BINGO! Come and enjoy an afternoon together as a body of Christ!

## **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.

### **Church Work Day**

It's time to Spring Clean! Our congregational work day is on Saturday, March 11th from 8:00am-Noon. There is something for everyone, as we beautify our campus for the upcoming Easter season. Many hands make light work!

### **Pioneers Monthly Meeting**

The Pioneers monthly meeting will be held on March, 2nd at 6:00-7:30pm. We will be meeting in the sanctuary.

### **Daylight Savings Time**

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11th.

### **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.

### **BUNCO! *A Women's Night Out***

Women's night out will be a fun filled evening of food, drinks & Bunco! Bunco is an easy to learn, easy to play game of rolling the dice. Bring your favorite dish and come mingle with the Women of Northdale! Feel free to message Allison at 516-606-8324 if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing all of you!

March 24th from 6-9pm

9405 Post Rd

Odessa, FL

### **BOWLING!**

Join us for our congregational bowling day at **Pin Chasers on Sunday, March 5th at 12:00pm**. Thank you to Wanda Schofer for setting it up and making a display! There is a sign-up sheet on the entryway table so we can get a head count for attendees and lane reservations. \*\*\* They do have bumper rails, for children, pastors, and for other adults whose bowling game is "not so good."

## **Donuts with Dad**

Join us on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00am on the playground for Donuts with Dad. Stop by on the way to work, on the way to school for a special time with dad. Come grab a donut, cup of coffee or juice, maybe even take a picture!

## **Book Fair**

NCA's onsite book fair is coming back March 2-9! Families will have opportunity to check out the book displays in-person.

## **Called Workers:**

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## **Serving Today**

Music: 8:30 - Daniel Roemhildt  
10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt  
Ushers: 8:30- Raines  
10:30 - Allan/Faucette

## **Serving Next Week**

Music: 8:30 - Dane Mattes  
10:30 - Dane Mattes  
Ushers: 8:30 - Koren  
10:30 - Mosakowski

## **2022-2023 Year to Date Offerings Through January 2023**

General Offering Received: \$ 148,899.46  
General Offering Budgeted: \$ 150,033.31  
Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$-1,133.85)  
Average Weekly Offerings Received (31 weeks): \$ 4,803  
Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$5,000