



**NORTHDAL**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Northdale Lutheran Church

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

## 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

*\*\* In preparation for Holy Communion, Members: We encourage you to use "The Christian Questions: Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 295 in the front of the hymnal.*

**Opening Hymn, CW #520**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*Please Stand*

### **Invocation**

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

C: **Amen.**

### **Confession**

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner**

**Absolution**

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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: **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Almighty God, your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him wherever he leads; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## First Reading            Jeremiah 15:15-21

*Even though the troubles and hardships of life may come, the Lord is still a mighty refuge for those who seek him. It was God's Word of promise and comfort that sustained the Prophet Jeremiah, the same Word that guides God's people today.*

<sup>15</sup>Lord, you understand;  
remember me and care for me.  
Avenge me on my persecutors.

You are long-suffering—do not take me away;  
think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.

<sup>16</sup>When your words came, I ate them;  
they were my joy and my heart's delight,  
for I bear your name,  
Lord God Almighty.

<sup>17</sup>I never sat in the company of revelers,  
never made merry with them;  
I sat alone because your hand was on me  
and you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unending  
and my wound grievous and incurable?  
You are to me like a deceptive brook,  
like a spring that fails.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore this is what the Lord says:  
“If you repent, I will restore you  
that you may serve me;  
if you utter worthy, not worthless, words,  
you will be my spokesman.

Let this people turn to you,  
but you must not turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>I will make you a wall to this people,  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you  
but will not overcome you,  
for I am with you  
to rescue and save you,”  
declares the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>“I will save you from the hands of the wicked  
and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.”

**Second Reading      Romans 8:18-25**

*Even though we may live upon this earth, we still long for the day of the Lord's salvation. The more we see the decay of this world, the more we hope for the greater world to come.*

<sup>18</sup>I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup>Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

*Please Stand for the reading of our sermon text*

**Sermon      Matthew 16:21-26**

*No one wants to suffer, nor do we want to see anyone suffer. When Jesus predicted his suffering and death, the disciple Peter did not want to see Jesus suffer and vowed to stop it from happening. Jesus however, rebuked Peter, for only through his suffering could forgiveness and salvation come to the world.*

<sup>21</sup>From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

<sup>22</sup>Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup>What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

## **JESUS TAKES THE PROPER COURSE**

*Please Stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

**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 truly 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.**

*Please Be Seated*



## 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>.*

## The Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



### Proper Preface

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*) CW #184, Divine Service 2



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,

God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

san - na in the high - est!

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**M:** Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: 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.**

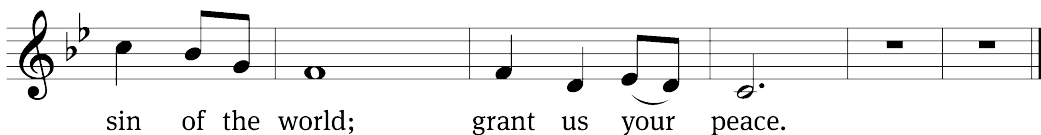
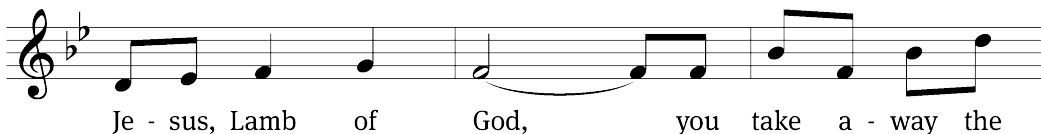
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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."

### Jesus, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) *CW #186, Divine Service 2*



## **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:** *So that there is no misunderstanding, we ask that you please speak with the pastor before communing with us.*

*Please Stand*

## **Thanksgiving**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

## **Proclamation**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## **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.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn, CW #617**

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

*Please Be Seated*

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All of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website [www.NorthdaleLutheran.org](http://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](mailto:office@northdalelutheran.org) and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.

## **Announcements:**

### **Sunday School/Bible Class**

Sunday School and Bible Class begin @ 9:30am. Make a commitment this year to grow in your faith and understanding of God’s Word. Our Sunday School will be going through *The Times of the Judges*, while our Adult Bible Study will have an interactive study on *Christianity Today* as we live as witnesses of Christ’s love.

### **No Sunday School/Bible Class Next Week**

There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School today. Bible Class and Sunday School will resume September 10th @ 9:30am.

### **Let’s Bible Brunch!**

From the high class charcuterie boards to the low southern boiled peanuts - something for everyone! Beginning Wednesday, September 13th @ 11:00am (*and continuing the 2nd Wednesday of every month*) we will be having our monthly Bible Brunch. A wonderful time to get together for social, food, and topical Biblical discussion. A great way to spend a mid-week hour! Bible Brunch runs from 11:00am-Noon, could even be a great lunch break!

### **Public School Confirmation**

Public School Confirmation will begin Tuesday, September 12th @ 5:30pm. Confirmation will continue to run Tuesday nights @ 5:30pm. Confirmation is open to all 7th-8th grade students. Talk with Pastor for more information.

### **Pioneers Meeting**

Our first Pioneer meeting of the season will be Thursday, September 7th. Pioneers meet the first Thursday of every month, ending April 4th. Meetings take place in the sanctuary from 6-7:30pm. Contact Angel Allan (813) 850-3718 if you have any questions.

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## Serving Today

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

## Serving Next Week

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

## 2022-2023 Year to Date Offerings Through July 2023

General Offering Received: \$ 24,050.16  
General Offering Budgeted: \$ 22,916.67  
Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: \$1,133.49  
Average Weekly Offerings Received (5 weeks): \$4,810  
Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$ 5,327