



NORTHDAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 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, CW #517

Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your neverfailing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-11

Being a prophet of the Lord, meant Ezekiel was to preach the Word of God, whether it was a message of hope or a message of judgment. As “watchmen” for the Lord, we still continue to preach the Word of God, whether to give hope to the believer or to warn the unbeliever with a call to repent.

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?” ’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

Hymn, CW#867
NCA students sing 10:30am

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

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 18:15-20

What do you do when a fellow Christian gets caught up in sin? In this chapter, the Lord gives us “the steps of admonition” to follow - so that the fellow Christian may be restored, reputations saved, and love may prevail.

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Sermon Galatians 2:11-16

Even Christians are not above needing correction from sin. In this section, the Apostle Paul needed to rebuke and correct the disciple Peter for his outward hypocrisy. But even though rebuke was needed, it was done in love for the good of all.

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

¹⁵“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

A Life Under Christ

- 1. Living Against Hypocrisy**
- 2. Living Under Grace**

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

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.

Hymn, CW #928

May The Grace of Christ Our Savior

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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.

Public School Confirmation

Public School Confirmation began 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.

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!

Ladies Night Out

Ladies come join the fun on September 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Glory Days Restaurant for dinner. We will laugh, share stories and get to know each other. We hope see you there. The address for the restaurant is 14457 N. Dale Mabry Hwy.

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Serving Today

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

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30 - Elizabeth Guse
10:30 - Elizabeth Guse
Ushers: 8:30 - Raines/Picone
10:30 - Berg

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