



**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”*

## **The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost** September 24, 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 #913

“Come Away From Rush and Hurry”

## Confession of Sins

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

M: Lord Jesus, on this day as we gather for worship, we are reminded of your awesome holiness and glory. Yet, we come before your throne this morning in deep humility knowing our offenses, failures, and faults, and confessing our sins before you.

**C: `Forgive us of our greed in stockpiling the material things of this world, calling it “prosperity.”**

**Forgive us for the grudges we hold against our neighbors and family, justifying it as “righteous anger.”**

**Forgive us for having called our pride and arrogance, “self-esteem;” for thinking our gossip and slander, is “good conversation;” for excusing our selfish decisions, as “a free choice.”**

**Forgive us for failing to stand up for the truth of your Word, so that we might be viewed as nonjudgmental and tolerant.**

**Forgive us for those crying out for help in body and soul, and yet we do nothing because of our so busy and hectic lifestyles.**

**Forgive us this day of all our sins, and restore us to you once again.**

M: O Lord, we deserve only to be thrown from your presence and suffer an eternity in hell. Even with a thousand life spans, we could never make amends for the wrongs we have done. Therefore, we simply bow ourselves before your throne and cry out for your mercy.

*Please Stand*

**The Comfort of Forgiveness          Psalm 103**

P:                    “The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
                          Slow to anger, abounding in love.  
                          He will not always accuse,  
                          nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
                          He does not treat us as our sins deserve  
                          Or repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
                          So great is his love for those who fear him;  
                          As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has he removed our transgressions from us.  
                          He has redeemed your life from the pit,  
                          and crowns you with love and compassion.”  
Take heart this day, the Lord has forgiven you. Amen

**Prayer of the Day**

M:                    Lord God, our refuge and strength, your faithfulness has protected us through the darkness of this night. Now this day, may your glory shelter us, shading us from the dangers that surround us, and leading us in joy along life's way. Look with favor upon your people and bless us with unity, harmony, and love for one another. Focus our minds and hearts on your blessed kingdom above, where shall one day live forever with you in glory everlasting. Amen.

*Please Be Seated*

# THE WORD OF GOD



## The First Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11

*Are there some who deserve God's forgiveness more than others? After Jonah preached repentance, the people of Nineveh repented and turned to God. Yet Jonah became upset, because Nineveh was the sworn and ruthless enemy of Israel, Jonah did not think they deserved God's forgiveness. Here God shows himself as a God of grace, forgiving all sin that salvation might come to all people.*

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

<sup>1</sup>But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. <sup>3</sup>Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>4</sup>But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

<sup>5</sup>Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. <sup>7</sup>But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

<sup>10</sup>But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. <sup>11</sup>And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

### 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: Romans 9:6-19

*Does God love some more than others? There were some in the Apostle Paul's day who certainly thought so, namely because they could trace their ancestry back to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and so considered themselves true Israelites and the true people of God. But the Apostle Paul counters, that salvation is not a matter of birthright, but by faith in the promised Savior. All are saved simply by God's grace.*

<sup>6</sup>It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. <sup>7</sup>Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." <sup>8</sup>In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. <sup>9</sup>For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

<sup>10</sup>Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. <sup>11</sup>Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: <sup>12</sup>not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup>Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

<sup>14</sup>What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! <sup>15</sup>For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." <sup>16</sup>It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

## Sermon Text: Matthew 20:1-16

<sup>1</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup>“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup>He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup>About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

<sup>7</sup>“ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

<sup>8</sup>“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

<sup>9</sup>“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup>‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

<sup>13</sup>“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup>Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup>Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

<sup>16</sup>“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

## **“The Fairness of God”**

1. Is not dictated by the world
2. Is administered by his grace

*Please Stand*

### **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.**

*Please Be Seated*

### **Offering**

*As a body of Christ, we joyfully give our offerings to the praise of God and to the support of our Gospel ministry.*

*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>. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.*

*Please Stand*



## 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

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

### Closing Hymn, CW #923

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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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:**

### **Choir Night!**

Want to Sing? Want to Eat? Want to Eat and Sing? We are going to be having Choir Night the 1st Monday night of every month. We will be providing a supper so you come right from work. We will be learning anthems for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Come and join us for our first **Choir Night on Monday, October 2nd at 6:00pm.**

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

Join us on **Wednesday, October 11th at 11:00am** for our monthly Bible Brunch. Please bring a "finger food" to pass (*all kinds welcome*) as we enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible study. We begin with a time of eating and socializing and then with our continued study of *Jesus Sermon on the Mount* and its applications today. Come for this great mid-week Bible Hour!

### **Northdale Pioneers**

Our next monthly Northdale Pioneers meeting will be on **Thursday, October 5th at 6:00pm.** Our Pioneers is open to all 3rd through 8th grade students. Our October theme is *Sign Language and Communication Skills*. Come for another amazing night of being earthly servants of an Almighty God!

### **"Prayers For".....**

If you have prayer requests, such as; prayers for sick loved ones, prayers for an upcoming surgery, prayers for a birthday or anniversary, prayers for a pregnancy or new birth, prayers for a loved one in the military, prayers of thanksgiving, prayers for strength under trial. We will be listing our congregational prayers in the bulletin and also including those prayers in our worship. Please submit your prayer requests to Mrs. Mendez in the church office - [office@northdalelutheran.org](mailto:office@northdalelutheran.org) As a body of believers we do pray in love for one another!

### **Men and Football!**

We will be having a men's fellowship on **Sunday, October 1st @ 1:00pm** to watch the Bucs take on the Saints. Bring a snack to share, drinks will be provided, come for a half or stay for the whole game! We would love to have you join us for this wonderful time of brotherly love and friendship! Men's Fellowship will be hosted at the Schroeder house..... 3213 Marble Crest Drive, Land O Lakes, FL 34638, Phone 334-400-6194.

## **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.

## **Congregational Prayers For....**

(*Jim and Shirley Doer*) for Don Bublitz undergoing treatments for blood clots, (*Patricia Gaviria*) for Ruben Gaviria being treated for a blood infection, (*Tom and Lynda Faucette*) celebrating 8 years of marital bliss, (*Susan Hanks*) thanksgiving for a successful knee surgery and healing through recovery.

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## **Serving Today**

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt

Ushers: 8:30 - Busch

10:30 - Smayling/Schebel

## **Serving Next Week**

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Elizabeth Guse

Ushers: 8:30 - Koren

10:30 - Mosakowski

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

General Offering Received: \$41,513.97

General Offering Budgeted: \$45,833.34

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: \$-4,319.37

Average Weekly Offerings Received (9 weeks): \$4,613

Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$ 5,288