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

The 18th Sunday After Pentecost

October 1, 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

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Opening Hymn, CW#507

Let All Things Now Living

Please Stand

Invocation

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

C: **And also with you**

Confession

M: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and before whom all lives are laid bare; in deep humility we gather before you today to confess our many sins seeking your mercy and grace.

C: **Holy Gracious Lord,
We confess, in your command to be perfect, we are not.
We confess, in your command to love our neighbor, we do not.
We confess, in your command to love you above all things, we have not.
We have so often lived by our own strength, been guided by our own eyes,
and lived for this world alone. We have followed the desires of our hearts,
rather than being led by your Word. Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us
the joy of your salvation.**

M: Before God who knows our minds and searches our hearts. Trusting solely in the merits of Jesus Christ, do you this day confess all your sins in thought, word, and deed? If so answer, I do confess.

C: **I do confess.**

M: Upon your confession, be assured our Heavenly Father has sent his Son into the world to save sinners. Through Jesus's death and resurrection, you are forgiven. You are God's people and have been made heirs of heaven, an eternal kingdom that cannot be destroyed. May the Lord open our eyes to see God's truth, give us wisdom to walk in his commands, and strengthen us to do his will. Amen.

Be Seated

Hymn, CW#550

Lamb of God

Sacrament Of The Lord's Supper

M: Being assured of our forgiveness, the Lord now invites us to his altar for the reception of his Holy Supper. Wherein, through this eating and drinking the Lord gives us his very body and blood, once shed on the cross, to remove any and all doubt of our forgiveness in Christ. May we come forward with joy, knowing the guilt of our sin is taken away. May we come forward with confidence, here to receive the strengthening of our faith to live a God pleasing life.

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.

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.

Communion Prayer:

M: Blessed are you, Lord, God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Bless us as we have received your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. May you increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



THE WORD OF GOD*

The First Lesson: Philippians 2:1-11

It is by faith in Christ that believers are united into one body of Christ. As a body of Christ, we seek to imitate the love of Christ, as we serve our Lord and seek the eternal good of those around us.

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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 21:23-32

How stubborn to faith some can be! The Jewish leaders in our text rejected the message of salvation because of the messenger. They had rejected Jesus in the same way they rejected John the Baptist, and so did not listen to understand the Word. Yet Jesus rejoices over those who did listen and believe.

²³Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹“ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Sermon Text: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“ ‘The parents eat sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

³“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

³⁰“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!

God’s Christianity!

1. It is not my Christianity
2. United in faith, it is our Christianity

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

M: Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

C: Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

M: Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen in us a confidence in your promises and a desire to live according to your will.

C: Give us courage to stand each day in your Word, and restore us each day by your grace.

M: Guard the members of this congregation. Lead the married to love each other with commitment. Help parents to raise their children in the Lord. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

C: Protect us from the temptations that surround us, and give us pure hearts and minds.

M: Extend your healing power to all who are suffering. Comfort all who are in the midst of trial, sickness, or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for their faith and help them hold to the truth. Have mercy on those who care for the sick, and have mercy on those whose death draws near.

C: Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

M: Father, grant us these things for which we ask. For we pray in the name of your only Son, our Lord and Savior.

C: Amen.

Blessing

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

Closing Hymn, CW #617

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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 Tomorrow, 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!

Fall Festival 2023!

We will be having our annual **Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28th from 10:00am - 2:00pm**. Chances to sign-up for volunteer positions will be coming soon. Our Fall Festival is a great day to open up campus to our community, as well as to gather with our friends and church members. There is something for everyone, and.... Who doesn't want a grill out, snow cones, and a Cakewalk? Just don't get lost in the maze! Mark the date on your calendar today!

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!

NCA Open Forum

If you would like to find out what's been going on at our academy and some new upcoming things as well, join us for an online open forum on **Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm**. The link to the forum is <http://meet.google.com/hkj-pqqo-ztv>

"Prayers For".....

"I urge then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people." (1 Timothy 2:1) As a body of Christ, we can show our love by praying for one another. Please submit all your prayer requests to the church office - office@northdalelutheran.org

Men and Football!

We will be having a men's fellowship **Today, @ 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, *(Susan Hanks)* thanksgiving for a successful knee surgery and healing through recovery, *(Pastor Jay and Jess Zahn)* for 19yr old daughter Susannah long time battling disease, placed on hospice care waiting for eternal home.

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Serving Today

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Elizabeth Guse
Ushers: 8:30 - Koren
10:30 - Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

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

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