



Stewardship Sunday - The Grace of Giving

October 29, 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 #912

Open Lovely Doors

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

M: “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: Colossians 3:12–17

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Song of Praise, CW #627

To God Be the Glory

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: 3 John 1–8



¹The elder, To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

²Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. ³It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. ⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

⁵Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you. ⁶They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honors God. ⁷It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. ⁸We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth.

Sermon Hymn, CW #749

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 8:1–9

“The Grace of Giving”

¹And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

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

Closing Hymn, CW #726

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

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Announcements:

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with our Fall Festival yesterday. Truly a blessing to have everyone serve this church and ministry to our community.

Thank You!

Thank you to Pastor John Guse from Marietta, GA for sharing God's word with us this morning, and for reminding us if the *Grace of Giving*.

Bible Brunch

Join us for our Bible Brunch on November 8th @ 11:00am. Bring a small dish to pass as we continue in fellowship and God's Word.

Choir Night

Join us for Choir Night on November 6th @ 6:00pm. A light dinner will be provided, as we prepare our songs for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Pioneers

Our next Pioneer Meeting will be on November 2nd @6:00pm. Our theme is "Don't Destroy the Kitchen!" Pioneers is open for all 3rd-8th grade students.

Trivia Potluck Night

Come join us for our annual Trivia Potluck Night on Friday November 3rd at 6pm. Please bring a dish to share. Prizes to be won and fun to be had! Kids are encouraged to come along.

Pastor Appreciation

We will be celebrating *Pastor Appreciation Month* today with a cake for Pastor Guse after the 10:30am service. There is a donation box in the back of church if you would like to remember Pastor with a gift.

"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

Congregational Prayers For....

(Jim and Shirley Doer) for Don Bublitz undergo ing treatments for blood clots, *(Tim and Jamie Spiegelberg)* 16yr old daughter Tatum as doctors are struggling to find a cure for her rare disease, *(The War in Israel)* asking the Lord to protect the innocent and to bring this time of hostility to a peaceful end.

Serving Today

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer

10:30 - Allan/Faucette

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Dane Mattes

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