



## Transfiguration Sunday

February 11th, 2024

**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

Opening Hymn, CW #389

How Good Lord to be Here

*Please Stand*

### Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **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.**

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**First Reading            2 Kings 2:1-12**

*At the end of Elijah's prophetic ministry, the Lord blesses Elijah by taking him up to heaven without seeing death. To those who witnessed the miraculous event, it brought strength of faith to carry on the Lord's work as well as the certainty of heaven's eternal glory.*

<sup>1</sup>When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

<sup>3</sup>The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."

<sup>4</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho."

And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

<sup>5</sup>The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.”

And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

<sup>7</sup>Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

<sup>10</sup>“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

<sup>11</sup>As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup>Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!”

## **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: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

*As the glory of Jesus shone on the Mount of Transfiguration, it is that same glory of our Lord that shines in our hearts and lives as we proclaim Christ to the world.*

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

**Sermon Text**

**Mark 9:2-9**

*Jesus reveals his glory as the Eternal God on the Mount of Transfiguration.*

<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup>His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

<sup>7</sup>Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

<sup>8</sup>Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## **See Your Beautiful Savior!**

1. In Awesome Splendor
2. In Saving Grace.

## **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**

*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>.*

*Please Stand*

## **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.**

*Please Be Seated*

**Hymn, CW #927**

**Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing**

# **Announcements:**

## **Church Picnic Helpers!**

We are in need of a few volunteers for the church picnic on Sunday, February 25th. We need a few people to help grill the hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as a few people to work the snow-cone machine. If you can help, please speak to pastor.

## **Choir Practice**

Join us as we prepare some anthems for Unity Sunday and the upcoming Easter Season! A dinner is provided at 6:00pm.

Wednesday, February 14th at 7:30pm (*after Ash Wednesday Service*)

Monday, March 4th at 6:00pm

## **Ash Wednesday Worship & Potluck**

Join us for Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, February 14th @ 6:30pm. There will be a potluck dinner served at 6:00pm, everyone is to bring a dish to pass, for our time of fellowship together.

## **Unity Sunday/Church Picnic - February 25th**

Join us for a wonderful day of worship, picnic, derby, and fellowship. It is great to be part of this ministry and to have our unity of faith! There will be **1 service on this Sunday @ 10:30am** followed by all the events and activities. There will also be **no Sunday school or adult Bible class on this Sunday.**

## **Congregational Work Day - Saturday, March 23rd!**

Mark your calendars now to set aside this morning to come and help with our Spring cleaning. There is much to do both inside and out, and something for everyone! Come give a few hours as we beautify our campus for the Easter and Spring seasons. Church Workday begins at 8:00am.

## **Bible Information Class**

A new Bible Information Class has begun on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. This class is for those wanting to know more about what we teach and believe here at Northdale Lutheran Church. This Tuesday night course is open to all, runs for 1 hour each Tuesday night, and babysitting is provided. Talk with Pastor Guse for more information.

## **WELS International Youth Rally 2024**

This summer, teens from our churches all over the nation will descend upon Colorado State University under the theme, “From The Mountaintops!” There is a display on the back entryway table along with more information. **If you are/have a teenager who would like to consider going, please sign up on the “Interest List” on the back table,** there is no money or commitment needed at this time, just interest on this amazing event!

## **Youth Summer Camps**

Every summer our churches in the South Atlantic District of our WELS Synod put on camps to gather our youth for worship, faith, and friendships. We have *Camp South* in Covington, GA (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade), the *Amazing Race* in Orlando, FL (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade), and every other year the *International Youth Rally* (8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade). These events are such wonderful opportunities for our youth to gather and to grow in their Christian faith. \*\*\* **To make sure every youth who wants to go - can go, there are donation envelopes on the back table to help us all subsidize the cost for our families.**

## **"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](mailto:office@northdalelutheran.org)

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

*(Simpson Family)* for Frankie Gardner who has been diagnosed with a tumor in her liver.

### **Serving Today**

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer

10:30 - Allan/Faucette

### **Serving Next Week**

Music: 8:30/10:30 - D. Roemhildt

Ushers: 8:30 - Raines/Picone

10:30 - Berg