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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 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 #564 vs 1-3

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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.

M: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Passion History Reading

(Taken from the 4 Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)



Jesus Before Pontius Pilate

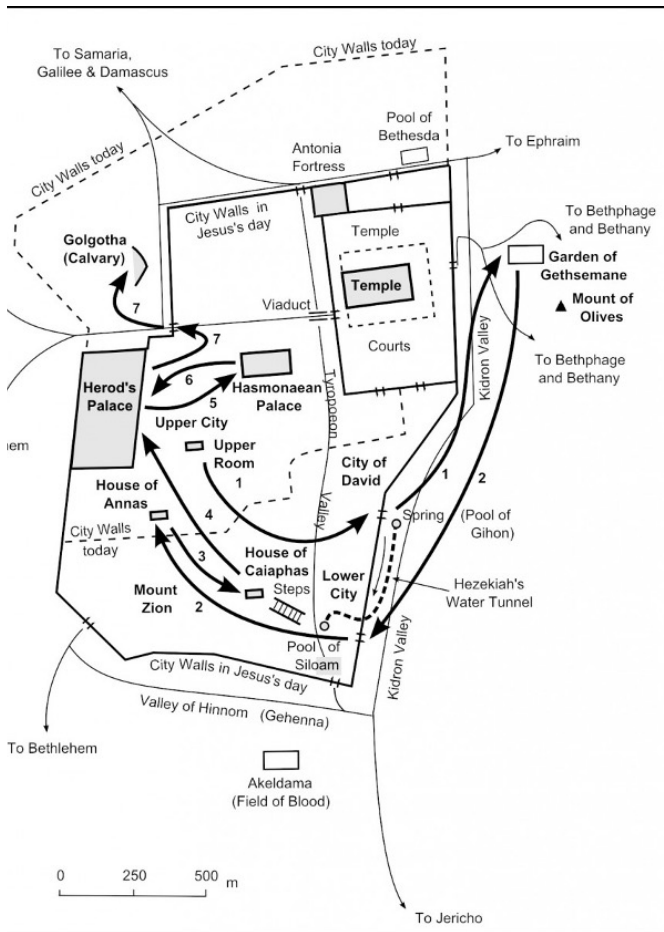
The whole assembly rose. They bound Jesus and led him before Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

When Judas, who betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is unlawful to put this money into the treasury, since it is blood money.” So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the



people of Israel, and used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded."

By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace. They wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

"If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you."

Pilate said, "Take him and judge him by your own law."

"But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

Then the chief priests and elders began to accuse him saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king."

Pilate then went back inside the palace and summoned Jesus. Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Is that your idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

"Do you think I am a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your chief priests and your people who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

“What is truth?” Pilate asked. With this he went out to the Jews, and announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I found no basis for a charge against this man.”

The chief priests and elders accused Jesus of many things. Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear how many things they are accusing you of?” Jesus gave no answer. So again Pilate asked him, “Are you not going to answer?” But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

The chief priests and elders insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea with his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at the time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased because for a long time he had been wanting to see him perform some miracle. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. As you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came and asked him to do what he usually did. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate said to them, "It is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Which of the two do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus, the King of the Jews, who is called Christ?" Pilate knew it was out of envy the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

Hymn CW #407 *"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"*

This Lenten Great was written by Isaac Watts. Isaac was born in England in the 1600s. He was the oldest of 8 children, thus his parents ran a meager boarding-house and sold clothes on the side to make ends meet.

Isaac did become well educated, at a young age he received a tutor to begin a study of Latin, and in the coming years learned Greek, Hebrew, and French.

When Isaac was in his late 20s, he became distressed over the poor quality of music in God's churches. His father then challenged him to write a new hymn every Sunday for 2 years. He did. Not only did Isaac grow musically, poetically, and literary but also grew in his faith, as he wrote hymns focused on God's grace and mercy. Isaac would eventually write over 600 Christian hymns including, *Joy to the World* and *Our God our Help in Ages Past*.

In his 40s he was stricken with a chronic "fever and weakness" that never left him. He was given an assistant, to help him travel and to help him preach. Throughout his life Isaac realized, "That I daily live, only because the Son hast died for me." His hymn, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, reminds us Christ has given everything and suffered everything for our sins, and thus to him we owe our praise, our life, our everything.

Sermon Numbers 21:4-9

⁴They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

⁶Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up

- 1) For the wages of sin is death
- 2) The Gift of God is Eternal Life.

Anthem: I Will Rise

(Sung by brothers; Daniel, Joseph, David Roemhildt)

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail

There's an anchor for my soul, I can say "It is well"

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won, He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain

I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees and rise, I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light

And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed

The victory is won, He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain

I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees and rise, I will rise

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"

And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb"

And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain

I will rise on eagles' wings before my God fall on my knees

And rise, I will rise

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

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



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 #835

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Announcements:

Idols We Never Knew We Had!

Join us for Bible Study as we take a look at the things that get in the way of our life with God. Somethings might surprise you! Join us at 9:30am in the Church sanctuary.

Congregational Work Day - Saturday, March 23rd!

Mark your calendars now to set aside this morning to come and help with our Spring cleaning. Church Workday begins at 8:00am.

Easter Lillies

If you would like to donate a lily in honor/memorial the cost is \$10. Envelopes are on the back entryway table.

Easter Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday, March 28th - Communion Worship 6:30pm

Good Friday, March 29th - Service of Darkness 6:30pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st - Festival Worship 8:30am & 10:30am

Easter Breakfast - 9:30am

Easter Egg Hunt - 11:30

Easter Breakfast Sign-Up!

Sign-up sheets are on the back entryway table. Please have all food items here by 9:30am, so that it is all ready to go. We will have the giant warmer out to keep foods nice and hot. What a beautiful morning and breakfast it will be!

Easter Egg Hunt Donations

This year we are asking for bags of non-melting candy (*Starbursts, smarties, life savers, etc...*) Whatever can fit in an Easter egg! No Pre-filled eggs this year please, just bags of individually wrapped non-melting candies. You can bring and leave your donations on the back table of church. Thank you!

Money Counters

If you are able to help count offerings after second service from time to time as part of our offering counting team, please let Pastor know.

Bible Information Class

Bible Information Class is on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm, and babysitting is provided. Talk with Pastor Guse for more information.

Online Open Forum - March 21st

Join us via Google Meet - meet.google.com/hkj-pqqo-ztv Thursday, March 21st @ 6:30pm for updates and ministry of our Northdale Christian Academy. The link can also be found on the Academy website in the March Newsletter.

Camp South 2024!

If you have a child 4th - 9th grade that wants to attend Camp South this year please register as soon as possible at **southatlanticyouth.com** If any adult would like to attend as a chaperone, please also register at the link above. Information packs are on the back table. You can also find more information and a video on our district website - southatlanticyouth.com

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 (3rd - 8th grade), the *Amazing Race* in Orlando, FL (9th - 12th grade), and every other year the *International Youth Rally* (8th -12th 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.**

Serving Today

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Roemhildt

Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer

10:30 - Allan/Faucette

Serving Next Week

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Raines/Picone

10:30 - Berg

"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: Joyce Jarvis who is battling leg circulation and is unable to walk. **Those Shut-in:** Paul Ulbricht at Concordia Village, Jean Schofer at Arden Courts, Bob & Joyce Jarvis at Concordia Village, Grace Ballieu at Accordia Woods Assisted Living, Fred Lawrence at home. **Continued Prayers:** Victor Carnahan who is undergoing times of hardship that the Lord would give him strength of faith, Guse Family as their grandmother Verna Zeichert was called home to heaven, Ruth Jenkins recovering at home after suffering a stroke, Frankie Gardner under treatment for a tumor in the liver, Linda Mosakowski under treatment for ovarian cancer, Don Bublitz under treatment for blood clots and weakened health, Pedro Mendez Sr under treatment for heart issues, Amanda Smayling for continued health through pregnancy. **Prayers for the Kingdom:** Peace Lutheran Church, Trinity FL continuing to call to fill their pastoral vacancy, Bay Pines Lutheran Church, Seminole FL continuing to call to fill teaching vacancies.

2022-2023 Year to Date Offerings Through January 2024

General Offering Received: \$ 162,819.92

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 160,416.69

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: \$ 2,403.23

Average Weekly Offerings Received (31 weeks): \$ 5,252

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