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

The 5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Opening Hymn, CW #867

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

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 #710

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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 Passion History Reading

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



Jesus Condemned To Death

The chief priests and the elders stirred up the crowd and persuaded them to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor. With one voice they cried out, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!”

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again, “What shall I do then, with Jesus, who is called Christ, the one you call king of the Jews? “Crucify him!” they shouted. “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

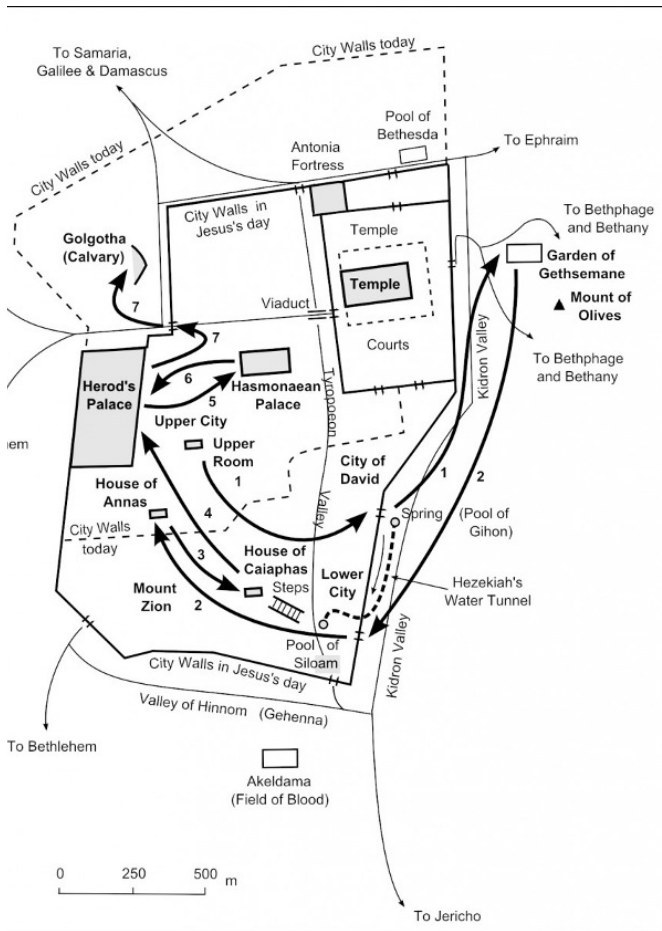
For a third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has he committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him punished and then release him.”

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” and their shouts prevailed.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace of the governor, the Praetorium, and called together the whole company of soldiers. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head, put a staff in his right hand and knelt down in front of him worshipping. They spit on him, struck him in the face, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. They mocked him and began to call out to him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.” When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!”

But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.” The Jews insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”



When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have the power either to free you or to crucify you?”

Jesus answered, “You have no power over me that was not given to you by my Father in heaven. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar’s. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the

stone pavement, which in Aramaic is Gabbatha. It was the Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

“Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”

“Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked.

“We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but instead an uproar was starting, Pilate granted them their demand, wanting to satisfy the crowd. He took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"

Then Pilate released Barabbas to them, and had Jesus flogged. He then surrendered Jesus to their will to be crucified.

The soldiers of the governor took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to be crucified. Carrying his own cross, he was led out to the place of the Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. As they were going out they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus. He was passing by on his way in from the country. They seized him, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

A large number of people followed Jesus, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then. . .

'They will say to the mountains: Fall on us!

And to the hills: Cover us!'

For if men do these things when the tree is green,
what will happen when it is dry?'"

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Here they crucified him, and with him two others - one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. The chief priests of the people protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

Children's Devotion

At this time, we invite all our young people to come forward to hear a special message prepared just for them.

This Lenten Great was written by Johann Heermann. Johann Heermann was born in Germany in 1585. He was the 5th and only surviving child of his poor common parents, who lost all their prior children to plague, disease, and death. When Johann was born, his mother made a vow, that if he survived, she would make sure he grew to be a Lutheran minister. At the age of 26, he became a Lutheran pastor and faithfully preached to God's people for many years.

His ministry, however, was marked by many hardships. Disease and plague ran through his city killing 550 people. A fire burned his city to the ground leaving many homeless. The invading armies of the Thirty Year's War ravaged his city, plundering the people and driving them into hiding. By the age of 46, he began losing his eyesight and also suffered throat disease that left him unable to speak and preach, and so he would write out his sermons to be preached by someone else.

But no matter what hardships and sufferings Johann endured, he counted them as nothing compared to the sufferings of Jesus. He took comfort, that even though this world can take away so many things, this world can never take away the faith and hope we have in Christ. His hymn, *O Dearest Jesus*, recounts how the sinless Son of God willingly took upon himself the world's sin to suffer and die. Johann pictures the amazing love of a Savior as he endured all scorning, mockery, and humiliation for his people. Johann pictures – a Savior's dying love.



Sermon Text: John 12:20-33

²⁰Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

The Hour Has Come!

- 1) The hour of Glory
- 2) The hour of Salvation

Hymn, CW #837

When Will I Walk

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

- 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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All of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website 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 and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.

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 savors, 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.

A Park, a Grill, and US!

Join us on Sunday, April 14th after late service at neighboring Northdale Park for an after worship cookout, park, and fellowship day. Bring your own chairs, swimsuits for splash pad, everything else will be provided. There maybe kid vs adult kickball, and pastor's famous SNO-CONES! *Brought to you by our Party Planning Committee!*

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.

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 - Elizabeth Guse
Ushers: 8:30 - Raines/Picone
10:30 - Berg

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30/10:30 - D. Roemhildt
Ushers: 8:30 - Busch
10:30 - Smayling/Schebel

"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, **Ruth Jenkins** recovering at home after suffering a stroke, **Frankie Gardner** under treatment for a tumor in the her 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.

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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