



**NORTHDALE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Northdale Lutheran Church

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

## 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 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

*\*\* In preparation for Holy Communion, Members: We encourage you to use "The Christian Questions: Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 295 in the front of the hymnal.*

**Opening Hymn, CW #445**

**He's Risen, He's Risen**

*Please Stand*

### Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

### Confession

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner**

*Please Be Seated*

**Absolution**

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## **First Reading            Acts 18:1-11**

*The preaching of Christ is not without effect. As Paul preached in the city of Corinth, some received the Gospel with joy while others rejected the message with hostility. The same is true today, the message of the risen Christ is either met with the joy of faith or the doubt of unbelief.*

<sup>1</sup>After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. <sup>6</sup>But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

<sup>9</sup>One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. <sup>10</sup>For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” <sup>11</sup>So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

**Hymn Response, CW #440 vs 1-4**

**Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands**

## Second Reading

### 1 John 1:1-4

*As John begins his general epistle, he writes with confidence that our faith is in the risen Christ. Not only does John write as having been an eyewitness of Jesus' ministry and power, but also as one to have seen and touched him after his resurrection from the dead, giving proof that Jesus is the risen Lord.*

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup>The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete.

**Sermon Hymn, CW#440 vs 5-7**

**Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands**

*Please Stand for the reading of our sermon text*

**Sermon      John 20: 24-31**

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## **“The Doubting Disciple”**

*Please Stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.*



## The Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



### Proper Preface

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*) *Divine Service I, Supplement*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

M: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## **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.**

## **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."

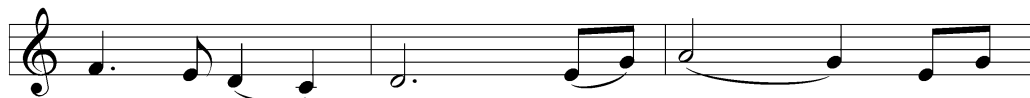
**O Christ, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)** *Divine Service 1, Supplement*



O Christ, Lamb of



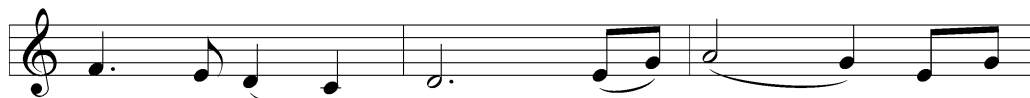
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

## **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:** *So that there is no misunderstanding, we ask that you please speak with the pastor before communing with us.*

*Please Stand*

## **Thanksgiving**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

## **Proclamation**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## **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.**

**Closing Hymn, CW #460**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven**

*Please Be Seated*

*All of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website [www.NorthdaleLutheran.org](http://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](mailto:office@northdalelutheran.org) and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.*

## **Announcements:**

### **What is: Church Fellowship?**

Join us for Bible Study as we take a look at the Christian Doctrine of Church Fellowship. Come and see the blessings and practice of being united in faith. Join us at 9:30am in the Church sanctuary.

### **Northdale Family Fun Fest 2024**

Join us for a community day at Northdale Park. We will be having a Church booth and running a story walk. If you can help out with an hour or two, please sign up on the entryway table.

### **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.

### **LWMS Spring Rally**

The LWMS rally will be held at Peace Lutheran in Trinity on Saturday, April 27th. Registration will begin around 9:15am. Peace will provide sandwiches and drinks, please bring a dish to pass.

### **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](http://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](http://southatlanticyouth.com)

## **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:** **Smayling Family** as they welcomed their new baby daughter, Ruby Grace, **Wanda Schofer** as she is recovering from knee surgery. **Those Shut-in:** **Paul Ulbricht** at Concordia Village, **Jean Schofer** at Arden Courts, **Bob 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, **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.

**Serving Today**

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Koren

10:30 - Mosakowski

**Serving Next Week**

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer

10:30 - Allan/Faucette

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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