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

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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.

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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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Opening Hymn, CW #779

I Sing As I Arise Today

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 #550

Lamb of God

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 WORD OF GOD*

The First Lesson: Acts 20:28-32

As the Apostle Paul left the church in Ephesus to return to Jerusalem, he greatly urges the leaders of the church to always stand true to the Word of God. He reminds them to continue to shepherd God's people in truth, guarding and protecting them from all false teachers and doctrine that will arise seeking to destroy saving faith and leading them astray.

²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³²Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

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: John 10:11-18

In Jesus' great "I Am" statements, he declares "I am the good shepherd." Not only is he the one, who in power, leads and defends his sheep (people), but also the one, who in greatest love, laid down his life for our salvation.

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Sermon Hymn, CW #633

Speak, O Lord

Sermon Text: 1 John 4:1-6

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

“Test Everything”

- 1) To know the truth
- 2) To know the grace of God

Hymn, CW #576

Amazing Grace

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>.



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.

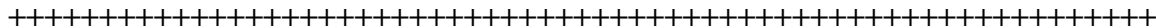
C: **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

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



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.

VBS Registration is OPEN!

Our summer Vacation Bible School will run June 17th - 21st. Our Theme is “Welcome to God’s Farm” *Growing together in Jesus!* Registration is now open at northdalelutheran.org, for ages 3K - 5th grade.

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.

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.

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 - **Deadline for registration is May 31st.**

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. 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.**

Call Received

Mr. Mattes was extended a divine call to serve as principal at Bloomington Living hope Lutheran Church and School in Bloomington and Shakopee, MN. Please keep the Mattes family in your prayers and your encouragements to them are always welcome.

"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: 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: Pedro Mendez who is recovering from surgery. Wanda Schofer as she is recovering from knee surgery. 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 - Dane Mattes

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

Serving Next Week

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Busch
10:30 - Smayling/Schebel

2022-2023 Year to Date Offerings Through February 2024

General Offering Received: \$ 182,952.05

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 183,333.36

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$ 381.31)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (35 weeks): \$ 5,227

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



LWMS Spring Rally

(Tampa Bay Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society)

Saturday, April 27

Registration: 9:15 am to 9:55 am

Rally: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

at

Peace Lutheran Church

(12798 Memorial Drive, Trinity, FL)



Upcycled Evangelism

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Home Mission – Richland Center, WI

Video Presentation by

Rev. Daniel and Amanda Lewig

A light lunch will be provided.

Peace will provide sandwiches and drinks.

Circuit congregations are asked to bring a dish to pass.