



5th Sunday of Easter

April 28th, 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 #552 vs 1-4

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of 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 Acts 4:32-37

Not only were the early Christians united in their faith, but were also united in their service and love for one another. Being united in Christ, their hearts overflowed with joy, as they generously gave to each other's physical and spiritual needs.

³²All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

³⁶Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

Children's Devotion

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

Hymn, CW #579
(Congregation 8:30am, NCA 10:30am)

His Mercy is More

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Only because of Christ, do stand forgiven before God. In this forgiveness of Christ, we daily live and put our faith into action by joyfully serving our God and caring for one another.

¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Hymn, CW #709

Christ the Vine

Sermon

John 15:1-8

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

“Be A Branch!”

- 1) A branch united to the vine
- 2) A branch made to produce fruit

Hymn, CW #520

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

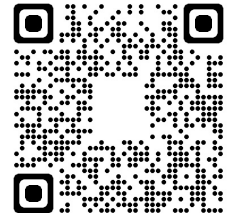
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand 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

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 #617

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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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.

Mission Enhancement Approval!

Our Church Synod’s - Board for Home Missions met last week and approved 5 New Mission starts and 7 New Mission Enhancements across our nation, as part of our synod plan to start 100 new missions in 10 years. Northdale Lutheran’s 4 year plan in requesting a full-time Spanish speaking pastor was granted. We are currently on the list asking for a seminary graduate to immediately fill this position. If we do not receive a seminary graduate in May, then we will begin the calling process seeking to fill the vacant position. You can read all about the approved new missions and new mission enhancements for 2024 at <https://wels100in10.net/>

"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:** **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 - Daniel Roemhildt

Ushers: 8:30 - Busch

10:30 - Smayling/Schebel

Serving Next Week

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Koren

10:30 - Mosakowski

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