



**NORTHDAL**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Northdale Lutheran Church

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

## Confirmation Sunday

May 5, 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**

**Hymn** *CW #693 Vs 1-4*

*“O Gracious Lord, With Love Draw Near”*

*Please Stand*

**Invocation**

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

**Amen.**

**Confession**

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

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

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**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.**

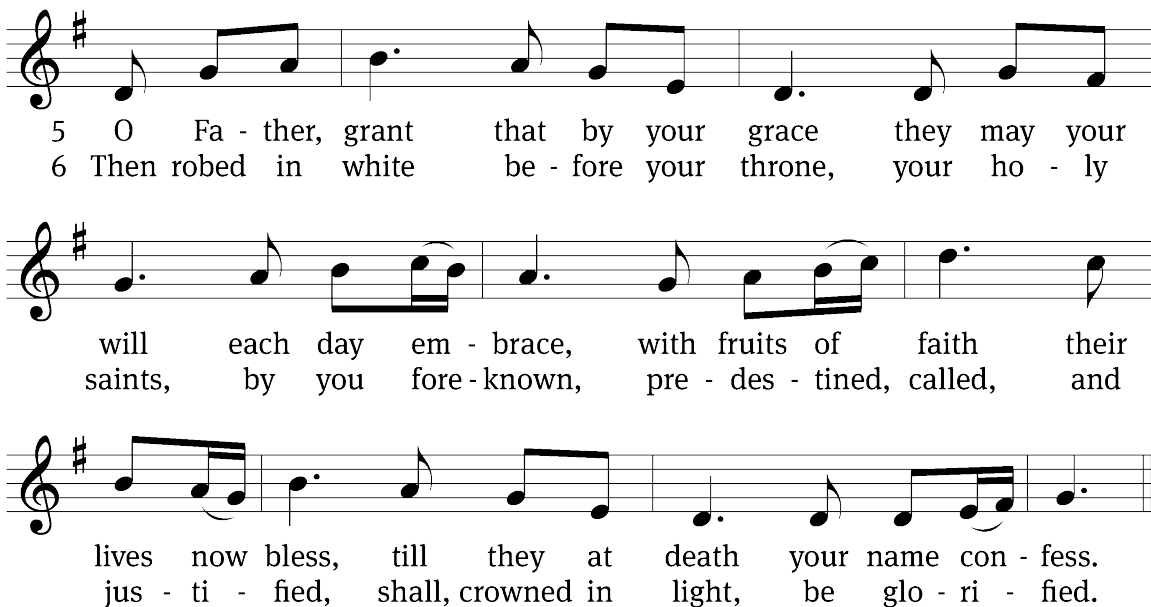
## Absolution

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.

**Amen.**

**Hymn** *CW #693 vs 5-6*

*“O Gracious Lord, With Love Draw Near”*



5 O Fa - ther, grant that by your grace they may your  
6 Then robed in white be - fore your throne, your ho - ly

will each day em - brace, with fruits of faith their  
saints, by you fore - known, pre - des - tined, called, and

lives now bless, till they at death your name con - fess.  
jus - ti - fied, shall, crowned in light, be glo - ri - fied.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you promised that you will confess before your Father in heaven those who confess you before others on earth. Grant those who confess their faith before your altar the grace and strength to avoid all things contrary to what they confess, that in humble faith they seek and do all things pleasing to you; you live and reign, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading:

## Ephesians 4:7-16

*Our Ascended Lord still reigns! Not only was he the One who descended into hell to proclaim victory over death, but has now ascended into heaven's glory, continuing to guide his church giving the needed gifts for the preaching of his Word.*

<sup>7</sup>But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.  
<sup>8</sup>This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup>(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

## Children's Devotion

*Our young children are invited forward to hear a special Easter message prepared just for them.*

Hymn CW #549

*“Across the Lands”*

**Second Reading:****Luke 24:44-53**

*Jesus reminds his disciples that even though his death and resurrection were now completed and he would soon be ascending into heaven, the work is not yet done. For it would be the disciples who would continue the preaching of repentance and forgiveness, and to be Christ's witnesses in the world.*

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

**Hymn CW #476**

*"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"*

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

## **“Confirmed in Faith”**

1 A Comfort to our Hearts

2 A Boldness for our Lives

## **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.**



## 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>.*



## Rite of Confirmation

Confirmation Rite  
Confirmation Promises  
Confirmation Verses  
Confirmation Blessing

## Those to be Confirmed

Allison Berg  
Jocelyn Mesa  
Veronica Schroeder  
Brendan Zarazua-Trujillo

## The Sacrament

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”*



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 -



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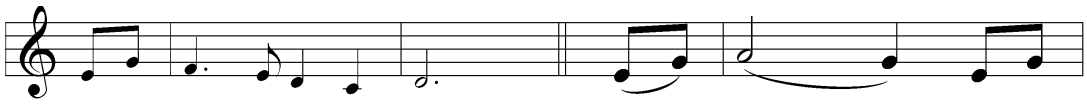
**Words of Institution**

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.”

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you always.

*“O Christ, Lamb of God”*



O Christ, Lamb of



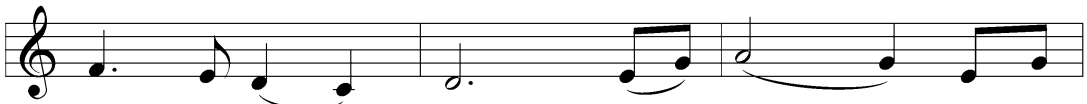
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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:**

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.

*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.**

**Hymn** *CW #930*

*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

# **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 Meeting 2024**

Join us this Wednesday night @ 6:00pm for our VBS meeting. There is something for everyone.

## **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](http://northdalelutheran.org), for ages 3K - 5th grade.

## **End of Year Par-Tay!!!**

The congregation is invited over to the Goldberg home for swimming, food, and time together as the school year closes and before summer begins. The Par-Tay will be on Sunday, May 19th beginning @ 12:30pm. Come to church, hang out for a bit and join us for an amazing time. Directions are on the entryway table.

## **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/>

## **Grades 1-4 Musical Performance / 3K-K Spring Program**

Grades 1-4 will be performing “Rats” Thursday, May 9, at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. 3K-K will be having their Spring Performance on Thursday, May 16th @6:30pm.

## **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.

## **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) - **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.**

## **"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: 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 - Koren

10:30 - Mosakoowski

**Serving Next Week**

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer

10:30 - Allan/Faucette

**2022-2023 Year to Date Offerings Through March 2024**

General Offering Received: \$ 205,775.04

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 206,250.03

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$474.99)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (40 weeks): \$ 5,144

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