



## **7th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day Worship** May 12, 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 #912**

**Open, Lovely Doors**

## **Confession of Sins**

M(inister): The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

M: Lord Jesus, on this day as we gather for worship, we are reminded of your awesome holiness and glory. Yet, we come before your throne this morning in deep humility knowing our offenses, failures, and faults, and confessing our sins before you.

**C: `Forgive us of our greed in stockpiling the material things of this world, calling it “prosperity.”**

**Forgive us for the grudges we hold against our neighbors and family, justifying it as “righteous anger.”**

**Forgive us for having called our pride and arrogance, “self-esteem;” for thinking our gossip and slander, is “good conversation;” for excusing our selfish decisions, as “a free choice.”**

**Forgive us for failing to stand up for the truth of your Word, so that we might be viewed as nonjudgmental and tolerant.**

**Forgive us for those crying out for help in body and soul, and yet we do nothing because of our so busy and hectic lifestyles.**

**Forgive us this day of all our sins, and restore us to you once again.**

M: O Lord, we deserve only to be thrown from your presence and suffer an eternity in hell. Even with a thousand life spans, we could never make amends for the wrongs we have done. Therefore, we simply bow ourselves before your throne and cry out for your mercy.

**Song of Mercy, CW #523**

**How Deep the Father’s Love for Us**

*Please Stand*

**The Comfort of Forgiveness          Psalm 103**

M:                    “The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
                              Slow to anger, abounding in love.  
                              He will not always accuse,  
                              nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
                              He does not treat us as our sins deserve  
                              Or repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
                              So great is his love for those who fear him;  
                              As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has he removed our transgressions from us.  
                              He has redeemed your life from the pit,  
                              and crowns you with love and compassion.”  
Take heart this day, the Lord has forgiven you. Amen

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

# THE WORD OF GOD



## The First Lesson: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

*Stephen was one of the first Christian martyrs recorded in the Scriptures. His dedication to the Lord was evidenced in his selfless service to others and in his steadfast faith even in the face of death. It is with the same dedication and faith that Christian mothers serve their families today.*

<sup>1</sup>In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup>So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup>Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup>and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

<sup>5</sup>This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup>They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen.

<sup>2</sup>To this he replied: “Brothers and fathers, listen to me! <sup>51</sup>“You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! <sup>52</sup>Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— <sup>53</sup>you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”

<sup>54</sup>When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to

heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

<sup>57</sup>At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup>dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup>While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

### **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:           1 John 5:1-6**

*Not only do Christian mothers give birth to their children, but they also lead their children to Christ. It is by faith in Christ that we become the children of God. It is Christ love for us that compels us to live as his children everyday.*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

**Sermon Hymn, CW #760**

**Oh, Blest the House**

**Sermon Text:           John 17:11b-19**

*In this section Jesus prays for his disciples that they would be kept in faith, be kept safe from all the evils of the world, and continue to be his witnesses in the world. It is with that same love that Christian mothers pray for their own children.*

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup>I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup>My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

## **Our Great High Priest Prays**

1. For the protection of His Church
2. For the mission of His Church

**Sermon Hymn, CW #518**

**Christ Be My Leader**

*Please Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

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

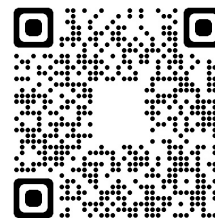
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right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

### 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.**

### Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 ##835 Precious Lord Take My Hand

*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:

## VBS 2024 LPS/MLS Students & Congregation

This year we are receiving 4 Luther Prep and 4 Michigan Lutheran Seminary students (*plus 2 chaperones*) to help with our June VBS. This is a wonderful opportunity for these students to participate and experience ministry in various settings across our nation as they grow to be leaders in God's church. They are a wonderful blessing to our congregation and to our VBS ministry, but as a congregation we are responsible for a few things.

**HOUSING** - If you can house 2-4 students, let Elizabeth Guse know. You DO NOT have to feed them, transport them, or babysit them - they will be gone in the morning and come back at night to sleep. They have a full week and just need a place to shower and sleep.

**FEEDING** - Our congregation is responsible for meals. Breakfast will be served every morning at church, but lunches and dinners need to be covered by the congregation. There is a sign up sheet on the entryway table with options of how to sponsor a meal. If you have any questions, direct them to Elizabeth Guse.

**TRANSPORTATION** - The students and chaperones will have use of the church van for the week.

## VBS Barnyard Snack Donations

If you are out shopping.... Pick up a couple extra things! There is a VBS snack list on the entryway table. Just put your name down next to the items and bring them to church or drop them off anytime.

## SUMMER means: Camps Are Coming!

We are very excited for our teens and youth to participate in our church body's youth gatherings. Our teens will be heading to CO, and our youth will be heading off to GA. They each will be gathering for a week of worship, Bible studies, activities, and so much fun! It is a unique opportunity for our youth to gather with 1,000s of other kids from all of our churches across the nation for encouragement of faith and friendships. It truly is a special and memorable time for all of them.

**\*\*\*\*Please consider sponsoring/partly sponsoring one of our youth, or making a donation (*envelopes are on the entryway table*) to help make sure all our youth, who want to go, can go. There is a need and it does make a difference to our families.** You can also talk with pastor for more information.

## **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/>

## **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.

## **"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:** **Christian Mothers** for their continued dedication to make Christ the center of their homes. **End of School Year and Graduates** for the Lord to bless their education and their futures. **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:** **Nations at War** for the Lord end the hostility, bring peace, and to protect the innocent. **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:** **Northdale Lutheran Church** as we seek to fill our position for a full-time Spanish speaking pastor. **Peace Lutheran Church**, Trinity FL continuing to call to fill their pastoral vacancy. **New Missions** our church body will starting in 2024, Bend, OR; Cedar Lake, IN; Conway, AR; Easley, SC; Williston, ND for the success of the Word

### **Serving Today**

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer

10:30 - Allan/Faucette

### **Serving Next Week**

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Dane Mattes

Ushers: 8:30 - Raine

10:30 - Allan/Faucette

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### **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