



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

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

June 9, 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.

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

M: Lord God, our refuge and strength, your faithfulness has protected us through the darkness of this night. Now this day, may your glory shelter us, shading us from the dangers that surround us, and leading us in joy along life’s way. Look with favor upon your people and bless us with unity, harmony, and love for one another. Focus our minds and hearts on your blessed kingdom above, where shall one day live forever with you in glory everlasting. Amen.

Please Be Seated

THE WORD OF GOD



The First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22–24

Even though the nation of Israel was conquered by Babylon and taken into captivity, the prophet Ezekiel delivers a message of hope. He proclaims not just an earthly deliverance, but looks ahead to the deliverance of a Savior bringing life, protection, and peace to his people.

‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴All the trees of the forest will know that I the Lord bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“ ‘I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.’ ”

Song of Praise, Psalm 121

“I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains”

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:

Mark 4:26–34

Jesus often used parables (earthly stories with heavenly meanings) to describe the kingdom of God. With these parables Jesus describes the power of the Gospel, as the Word of God alone is able to create saving faith and causes it to grow.

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³²Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

³³With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Sermon Hymn, CW #504

“We Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Sermon Text: Colossians 1:3–8

It is the Gospel that came to the Christians in a Colossae bringing them to faith in Christ. It is the same gospel that is preached today creating saving faith in the hearts of its hearers.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

“The Gospel Bears Fruit”

1. Planted in your heart
2. Growing throughout the world

Sermon Hymn, CW #605

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

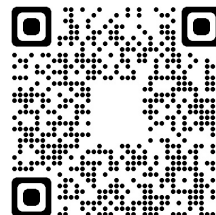
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand 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 #617

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

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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.

Announcements:

Call Meeting Sunday, June 16th 9:30am

On Sunday, June 16th, we will be having a call meeting between services to fill our new full-time Spanish speaking pastoral position. All voting members are encouraged to attend. What an exciting time as we move forward with the Lord’s blessing into a new mission field.

Voters’ Meeting/Congregational Forum

On **Sunday June 23rd at 11:30am** we will be having our Annual June Voters’ Meeting. We will be approving our 2024-2025 church ministry budget, presenting our 8 year future plan, and updating on ministry and matters of membership.

Congregational Beach Day

Join us at North Beach at Fort DeSoto on Saturday June 22nd. We will be out there by 10:00am. Bring your own beach gear, coolers, drinks, and lunches - and soak up some sun! Directions will be on the back entryway table.

VBS Barnyard Snack Donations

If you have signed up to donate snack donations, please get them in in the next week. Thank you.

Summer Bible Class Schedule - Sundays 9:30am - 10:15am

Sunday, June 9th - Pastor Hunter Presentation "Update on Citrus Grove Mission"

Sunday, June 16th - Call Meeting for Spanish speaking pastoral position

Sunday, June 23rd - All Church Bible Study "It's A Whatchamacallit"

June 30 - August 4 - No Bible Study

Sunday, August 11th - Sunday School/ Bible Study resume for the year

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.'

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.

"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: Arthur Lamburtis who has been hospitalized with severe medical complications, Pastor Luke Miller who out hiking suffered seizures and is now hospitalized in TN, Kitty Whitehurst who on a trip to Virginia suffered a stroke and is now hospitalized in VA. **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:** Peace Lutheran Church, Trinity FL as a new pastor has been assigned to their ministry. 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. 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 - Daniel Roemhildt

Ushers: 8:30 - Schofer

10:30 - Allan/Faucette

Serving Next Week

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Raines/Picone

10:30 - Mosakowski

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2022-2023 Year to Date Offerings Through April 2024

General Offering Received: \$ 230,030.68

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 229,166.70

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: 863.98

Average Weekly Offerings Received (44 weeks): \$ 5,228

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