



**NORTHDAL**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Northdale Lutheran Church

## *Northdale Christian Academy*

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

## **12th Sunday After Pentecost**

August 11, 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 #624 vs 1-3

Praise to the Lord

## 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

**Song of Praise, CW#624**

**Praise to the Lord vs 4-5**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do as with his love he befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him!**

## 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: Deuteronomy 6:4–9**

*As the Israelites were about to enter the promised land, the Lord commanded his people to remember his laws and decrees. How important it was for the Israelites to educate the future generations, so they would never forget the God who delivered and saved them.*

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

**Hymn, CW #709**

**Christ the Vine**

## **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:            2 Timothy 3:14–17**

*As the Apostle Paul gives ministry encouragement to Timothy, he reminds Timothy of the enduring power of God's Word. The same Word that guided Paul and Timothy is the same Word that guides God's people today.*

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Sermon Hymn, CW #760**

**O Blest the House**

**Sermon Text:           Matthew 18:1-6**

*The Kingdom of Heaven is not about how great we are, but about the greatness of Christ. Jesus uses the example of a child to show the necessity of having a childlike faith. It is a humble faith that simply trusts in the saving power of Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

<sup>2</sup>He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. <sup>3</sup>And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. <sup>6</sup>“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

## **“The Greatest Faith”**

1. A faith that humbly trusts
2. A faith that humbly leads

**Sermon Hymn, CW #510**

**In Christ Alone**

*Please Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

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

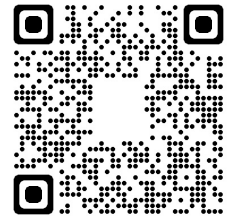
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right 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 #837

## When Will I Walk

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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](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:

### God's Providence and Me!

Join us for our adult Sunday morning Bible study series on *God's Providence*. We will be taking a deeper look into the way in which God provides for his creation and directs the affairs of this world. Adult Bible Study is held in the church sanctuary and begins at 9:35am. Just a look ahead:

- August-September - God's Providence and Me!
- September - October - Revelation's 7 Letters to 7 Churches
- October - November - The Doctrine of Conversion *How it All Happens!*

### Communicating Christ!

A new Bible Information Class will begin Tuesday nights, beginning on **Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00pm**. This class is designed for those new to Northdale to learn what we teach and believe, for anyone wanting a mid-week Bible study, or for those wanting a refresher course on the doctrines of our Christian faith. This course will be held in the church sanctuary. We keep the class to 1hour.... AND babysitting is provided!

### **Public School Confirmation!**

Public School Confirmation is open to all 7th and 8th graders. This is a 2-year course that leads them up to becoming confirmed as adult communicant members of the church and prepares them for their active participation at the Lord's Supper. If you would like more information, please speak with Pastor Guse.

### **Bob Ross Night!**

That's Right! Come join Bob Ross himself as we take on a painting adventure. This elegant evening is for adults only, as we will sip wine and graze off of charcuterie boards - *fancy for olives, grapes, nuts, cheese, and crackers*. The cost is \$10 per person to cover the cost of materials.... Please sign-up on the back entryway table!

### **Get To Know Your Academy!**

Join us Wednesday, August 21st at 6:00pm for an Online Academy Open Forum. This presentation will highlight the ministry and the ongoings of our academy year. The link for the forum is [\[link\]](#) or it can be found on our academy website. The link is inserted in the latest academy newsletter.

### **A Member "Heads Up!"**

Over the next months our church leadership team will be conducting every member visits. These visits will be updating you on all the blessings of our church, current ministries, future plans, and your thoughts on things. This presentation includes a slideshow and will take about 45 minutes to 1 hour. There will be a sign-up sheet with times and dates so we can arrange these visits. These visits are a way of rejoicing together as a body of Christ how we have been blessed by the Lord in our ministry here at Northdale Lutheran Church.

### **Pastor Daniel Voigt**

Our congregation called Pastor Daniel Voigt to fill our position of Full-Time Spanish Speaking Pastor. Pastor Voigt is currently serving Calvary Lutheran Church in Sheboygan, WI. If you would like to reach out to Pastor Voigt please speak with Pastor Guse for his contact information.

### **Party Planning Committee!**

Our Party Planning Committee is meeting Wednesday August, 14th @ 6:00pm. If you would like to join our committee in planning our congregational events for the year, please come and join us. We have an awesome group!

### **Extended Care Position Available**

Northdale Christian Academy is hiring an additional aftercare supervisor for the 2024-2025 school year. We are looking for someone who enjoys working with school aged children and is available after school. The hours would be 3:00-5:00 or 3:00-6:00 PM, Monday-Friday depending on the age group served. Qualifications also vary based on the age of students being supervised. Compensation is based on qualifications and experience. Click here to access a [position description and application for employment](#). Printed copies are available in the office. Please contact Mr. Mattes directly if you are interested or have a referral.

### **Academy Begins!**

2024-2025 here we come! Lord's blessings to our academy staff, parents, and students as they prepare for the start of another school year. The theme for our academy year is "I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me" Psalm 13:6.

Monday, August 12th - First Day of School 3K-VPK

### **"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:** **Fred Lawrence** who is at home on hospice care and is now awaiting the Lord's promise and call to his eternal life, **Ascension Lutheran, Sarasota FL** which sustained major flooding from the hurricane and is in recovery, **Pastor Daniel Voigt** as he is holding the call to serve our Northdale ministry, **Our Schools and Students** as they are returning for another school year. **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, **James Klecka** who is recovering from knee replacement surgery, **Ona Scherer** who is recovering from hip replacement surgery, **Diane Chalski** who is recovering from a leg injury. **Prayers for the Kingdom:** **Hurricane Relief** as the hurricane has brought damage and flooding to our churches in FL, GA, and SC.

## **Contact Information**

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## **Serving Today**

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt  
Ushers: 8:30 - Busch  
10:30 - Schebel  
Streaming: Storm  
Counters: Busch

## **Serving Next Week**

Music: 8:30/10:30 -  
Ushers: 8:30 - Koren  
10:30 - Mosakowski  
Streaming: Berg  
Counters: Newton

## **2023-2024 Year to Date Offerings Through June 2024**

General Offering Received: \$ 260,946.19  
General Offering Budgeted: \$ 275,000.00  
Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$ 14,053.81)  
Average Weekly Offerings Received (52 weeks): \$5,018.20  
Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$ 5,288