



14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 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 #520 vs 1-4

For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

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.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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 Hebrews 11:24–28

In this section, Moses is held up as an example of one who had great faith. Even though he could have had the worldly wealth and abundant life as an Egyptian, he instead chose a place among his people to serve his God. In faith, Moses willingly chose to suffer rather than forsake his God.

²⁴By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Hymn, CW #536

Jesus, Ever Abiding Friend

Children's Devotion

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

Second Reading:

John 6:51–69

As Jesus proclaimed himself as the Bread of Life and only through him salvation comes, many followers turned away because they could not accept it. Many people still today reject Jesus as the only way to heaven, but only in Christ do we find forgiveness and a Savior from sin.

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

⁵²Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

⁶⁶From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Sermon **Joshua 24:1–2, 14–18**

¹Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

²Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.

¹⁴“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! ¹⁷It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.”

“The God of Your Household”

1. Is a God to Remember
2. Is a God to Serve

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

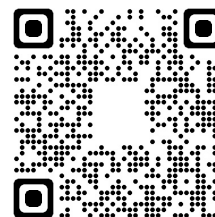
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand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

Please Be Seated

Hymn, CW #746

I Love To Tell The Story

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 prepares them for becoming adult communicant members of the church and for their participation in the Lord's Supper. If you would like more information, please speak with Pastor Guse. Confirmation class begins Tuesday, September 3rd @ 5:00pm.

Northdale Lutheran Pioneers

3rd through 8th grade meets the first Thursday of the month from 6pm-7:30 beginning September 5th. If your child is interested in participating this year please contact Angel Allan (813) 850-3718

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 is a sign-up sheet with times and dates so you can arrange your visit. 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.

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.

"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: Steve Schroeder as he will be undergoing surgery this week, Fred Lawrence who is at home on hospice care and is now awaiting the Lord's promise and call to his eternal life. **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:** Our Schools and Students as they are returning for another school year, Ascension Lutheran, Sarasota FL which sustained major flooding from the hurricane and is in recovery, 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.

Serving Today

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Schofer

10:30 - Schebel

Streaming: Haring

Counters: Schinski/Klecka

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30/10:30 -

Ushers: 8:30 - Picone/Raines

10:30 - Berg

Streaming: Berg

Counters: Newton