



NORTHDALE
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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

Opening Hymn, CW #517

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Please Stand

Invocation

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

C: **And also with you**

Confession

M: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and before whom all lives are laid bare; in deep humility we gather before you today to confess our many sins seeking your mercy and grace.

C: **Holy Gracious Lord,
We confess, in your command to be perfect, we are not.
We confess, in your command to love our neighbor, we do not.
We confess, in your command to love you above all things, we have not.
We have so often lived by our own strength, been guided by our own eyes, and lived for this world alone. We have followed the desires of our hearts, rather than being led by your Word. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

M: Before God who knows our minds and searches our hearts. Trusting solely in the merits of Jesus Christ, do you this day confess all your sins in thought, word, and deed? If so answer, I do confess.

C: **I do confess.**

M: Upon your confession, be assured our Heavenly Father has sent his Son into the world to save sinners. Through Jesus's death and resurrection, you are forgiven. You are God's people and have been made heirs of heaven, an eternal kingdom that cannot be destroyed. May the Lord open our eyes to see God's truth, give us wisdom to walk in his commands, and strengthen us to do his will. Amen.

Please Be Seated

Hymn, CW #507

Let All Things Now Living

Sacrament Of The Lord's Supper

M: Being assured of our forgiveness, the Lord now invites us to his altar for the reception of his Holy Supper. Wherein, through this eating and drinking the Lord gives us his very body and blood, once shed on the cross, to remove any and all doubt of our forgiveness in Christ. May we come forward with joy, knowing the guilt of our sin is taken away. May we come forward with confidence, here to receive the strengthening of our faith to live a God pleasing life.

Words of Institution

M: 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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.

Communion Prayer:

M: Blessed are you, Lord, God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Bless us as we have received your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. May you increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



THE WORD OF GOD*

The First Lesson: Romans 9:30-10:4

³⁰What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. ³²Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. ³³As it is written:

“See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

¹Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ²For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. ⁴Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

The Second Lesson:

Mark 7:1-8,14,15,21-23

¹The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ²and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

⁶He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “ ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ ⁸You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

¹⁴Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.” ²¹For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²²adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

Hymn, CW #721

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Please Stand

Sermon Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

⁶Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” ⁷What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

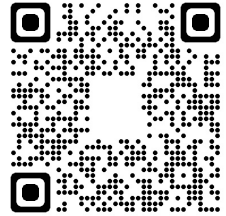
⁹Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

God's Word is Our Great Heritage

- I. Guard it carefully
- II. Observe it faithfully

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

- M: Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.
- C: **Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**
- M: Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen in us a confidence in your promises and a desire to live according to your will.
- C: **Give us courage to stand each day in your Word, and restore us each day by your grace.**
- M: Guard the members of this congregation. Lead the married to love each other with commitment. Help parents to raise their children in the Lord. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.
- C: **Protect us from the temptations that surround us, and give us pure hearts and minds.**
- M: Extend your healing power to all who are suffering. Comfort all who are in the midst of trial, sickness, or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for their faith and help them hold to the truth. Have mercy on those who care for the sick, and have mercy on those whose death draws near.
- C: **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

M: Father, grant us these things for which we ask. For we pray in the name of your only Son, our Lord and Savior.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

M: 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

Please Be Seated

Closing Hymn, CW #923

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

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Announcements:

Call Meeting

We will be having a call meeting on Sunday, September 8th @ 11:30am seeking to fulfill the position of our full-time Spanish speaking pastor.

No Bible Study or Sunday School Today!

But join us next week as we continue 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. Sunday school will continue next week as well.

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.

Women's Night Out

We will be meeting at Noble Crust @6:00pm on Friday, September 6th. Come join us for a great night out!! There is a sign up sheet on the entryway table.

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, please speak with Pastor Guse for more information. Confirmation begins Tuesday, September 3rd.

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.

"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 is recovering from surgery, Pastor John Guse as he is retiring from ministry this week after 53 years of faithful service, 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:** 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, SC and recovery is ongoing.

Serving Today

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Picone/Raines

10:30 - Berg

Streaming: Berg

Counters: Newton

Serving Next Week

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhilt/Schofer

10:30 - Schebel

Streaming: Storm

Counters: Schinske

2023-2024 Year to Date Offerings Through July 2024

General Offering Received: \$ 21,205.65

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 24,833.33

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$ 3,627.68)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (4 weeks): \$ 5,301

Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$ 5,770