



# 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 08, 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 #528 vs 1-4

Christ the Word of God Incarnate

*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*

## Song of Praise, CW #528 vs 5-6

## Christ the Word of God Incarnate

Christ, the way that leads unailing to the Father's home on high;  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die;  
mediator to the Father, sacrifice and great High Priest:  
lead us to your heav'nly mansions, there to share your wedding feast.

Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead;  
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
praise and thanks and adoration and unending worship be  
to the Father and the Spirit and to you eternally.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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      Acts 3:1–10

*In this section, Peter gave a crippled beggar something money could not buy. By the power of the Lord, the cripple received the strength to walk bearing witness to the power and salvation of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup>Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. <sup>3</sup>When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup>Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” <sup>5</sup>So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

<sup>6</sup>Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” <sup>7</sup>Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. <sup>8</sup>He jumped

to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup>When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup>they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

### **Children's Devotion**

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

**Hymn, CW #624 vs 1,2,5**  
*NCA students sing 10:30am*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

### **Second Reading: Mark 7:31–37**

*In this section, Jesus heals a man who had been deaf and mute. This was just one of many other miracles of healing that pointed to the divinity of Jesus and the salvation he came to bring.*

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

<sup>33</sup>After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup>He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). <sup>35</sup>At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

<sup>36</sup>Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup>People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**Hymn, CW #633**

**Speak O Lord**

**Sermon      Isaiah 35:4–7**

<sup>4</sup>say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. <sup>6</sup>Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup>The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

**See The Wonders of God!**

1. The wonders of his compassion
2. The wonders of his salvation

**Hymn, CW #564**

**My Hope Is Built on Nothingness**

*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**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

**Hymn, CW #617**

**The Doxology**

# **Announcements:**

## **Call Meeting**

We will be having a call meeting today after late service @ 11:30am seeking to fill the position of our full-time Spanish speaking pastor.

## **Communicating Christ!**

Our new Bible Information Class has begun on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. You can still come and join in, as we take a look at what we teach and believe here at Northdale Lutheran Church. It is a great opportunity to know what your children are learning at our academy, take a detailed look at the foundations of the Christian faith as it applies to church membership, faith, and life. The class is kept to 1 hour from 7:00-8:00pm, and babysitting is provided!

## **Northdale Pioneers!**

Thank you to Angel and Nick Allen for all their work in kicking off our Pioneer Year! We had a great 1st gathering this past Thursday night as our children 3rd-8th grade were able to grow in faith, develop life skills, build friendships, and enjoy time together as a body of Christ. Pioneers meets the 1st Thursday night of every month at 6:00pm.

## **Party Planning Committee**

Thank you to our Party Planning Committee for organizing our Women's Night Out this past Friday night at Noble Crust. It was a great time! Keep on the lookout for our upcoming Fall Festival taking place on Saturday, October 26th. Planning is underway for this awesome annual church and community event.

## **Mission Festival Sunday - September 22nd**

Pastor Ben Balge from The Shore Lutheran Mission just south of us in Parrish, FL (*just north of Sarasota*) will be preaching for Sunday service and giving a ministry/slideshow presentation during the Adult Bible Class hour. The Shore Lutheran Mission is one our church body's newest mission starts in southern Florida that began in 2021. Come and see how this new mission is holding worship, conducting ministry, and reaching out to their community.

**"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:** **Apalachee High School, Georgia** as their community suffered a school shooting with casualties this past Wednesday for the Lord to bring peace and healing, **Northdale Lutheran** for the Lord to bless our Call Meeting today seeking to fill the position of full-time Spanish speaking pastor, **Paul Ulbricht** as he is in rehab and recovery after suffering a severe infection. **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:** **Steve Schroeder** as he is recovering from surgery, **Fred Lawrence** who is at home on hospice care and is now awaiting the Lord's promise and call to his eternal life, **Nations at War** for the Lord end the hostility, bring peace, and to protect the innocent, **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 - Elizabeth Guse

Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer

10:30 - Schebel

Streaming: Storm

Counters: Schinske

**Serving Next Week**

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Koren

10:30 - Mosakowski

Streaming: Berg

Counters: Newton

**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