



# The 17th Sunday After Pentecost

## September 15, 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 #912

Open Lovely Doors

*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.

*Be Seated*

**Song of Praise, CW #607**

**10,000 Reasons**

### **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: 1 Kings 18:21–39

*Dressed in the full armor of God, Elijah took on the false prophets of Baal to show the power of the One true God.*

<sup>21</sup>Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.”

But the people said nothing.

<sup>22</sup>Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the Lord’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. <sup>23</sup>Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. <sup>24</sup>Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire—he is God.”

Then all the people said, “What you say is good.”

<sup>25</sup>Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” <sup>26</sup>So they took the bull given them and prepared it.

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

<sup>27</sup>At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” <sup>28</sup>So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. <sup>29</sup>Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

<sup>30</sup>Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down. <sup>31</sup>Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” <sup>32</sup>With the stones he built an

altar in the name of the Lord, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. <sup>33</sup>He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.”

<sup>34</sup>“Do it again,” he said, and they did it again.

“Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. <sup>35</sup>The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

<sup>36</sup>At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. <sup>37</sup>Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.”

<sup>38</sup>Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

<sup>39</sup>When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!”

## **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 9:14–27

*In this section Jesus drives out a demon from a young boy, showing the almighty power he possessed as the very Son of God and as God himself.*

<sup>14</sup>When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

<sup>16</sup>“What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.

<sup>17</sup>A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. <sup>18</sup>Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

<sup>19</sup>“You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

<sup>20</sup>So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”

“From childhood,” he answered. <sup>22</sup>“It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”

<sup>23</sup>“‘If you can’?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

<sup>24</sup>Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

<sup>25</sup>When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

<sup>26</sup>The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

**Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:10–18**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup>Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup>and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

**“Put On The Full Armor of God!”**

1. Armor ready for battle
2. Armor that endures to the end

**Hymn, CW #699**

**Take the World, but Give Me Jesus**

**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

**Closing Hymn, CW #927**

**Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing**

*Please Be Seated*

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## **Announcements:**

### **7 Letters to 7 Churches**

Beginning on Sunday, September 29th we will be taking a video walk through of the early Christian churches of Revelation. This adult Sunday morning Bible Study begins at 9:30am. We will be taking a look at the joys, struggles, persecutions, and victories of the early Christian Church.

### **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!

### **Pastor William Dunn**

At our voter's meeting last week, Northdale Lutheran called Pastor William Dunn of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, WI to be come and serve as our Spanish speaking pastor. May the Lord bless his deliberations as to where to serve best in the Lord's Kingdom. If you would like to reach out to Pastor Dunn, his contact information is printed on the back table.

### **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.

## **Fall Festival 2024!**

On Saturday, October 26, we will holding our yearly Fall Festival. What a wonderful opportunity to open up our campus to our community to share our ministry in proclaiming Christ. It will be a day filled with activities, events, food, and friendships. Keep on the lookout for more details! The Fall Festival will run from 10:00am-2:00pm on Saturday, October 26th.

## **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](mailto:office@northdalelutheran.org)

**Congregational Prayers:** Pastor William Dunn as he deliberates his call to Northdale Lutheran Church. **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:** Paul Ulbricht as he is in rehab and recovery after suffering a severe infection, 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:**

**Serving Today**

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Koren

10:30 - Mosakowski

Streaming: Berg

Counters: Newton

**Serving Next Week**

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Busch

10:30 - Allan/Faucette

Streaming: Haring

Counters: Busch

**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