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The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 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.

DIVINE SERVICE

A TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH LITURGY.

Gathering Rite on the Word of God

The early Christian Church used a Gathering Rite as believers would assembled for worship. A reminder as they came into church, they were coming into the presence and dwelling of God. The gathering rite assembles us today in the presence of our God, to be assured of our forgiveness and to receive strength of faith to live as children of God.

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**

CW #919 Blessed Jesus at Your Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered
all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,
sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered". The second staff continues: "all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred". The third staff continues: "now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,". The fourth staff concludes: "sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly." The music uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together.

M: “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16)

C: “So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
(2 Timothy 3:17)

M: Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**


3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now our heart and mind;
help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
Church now rais - es; hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Please Stand

M: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*).

The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,
con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -
low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Loving God and Father, the blessings of marriage and family come from your gracious pleasure and careful design. Lead all who value these gifts to follow your path of wisdom so that they may enjoy the fullness of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please Be Seated

The Te Deum, *CW* pg. 210, *Service of Morning Prayer*

Originally "Te Deum Laudamus" Latin for 'Thee, O God, We Praise You.' This was a sung response of the early Christian Church in the late 300s A.D. As the Te Deum is sung, you will notice it begins with praise to the Father as the one enthroned in glory, but then shifts to the Son and his atoning work for the salvation of all mankind.



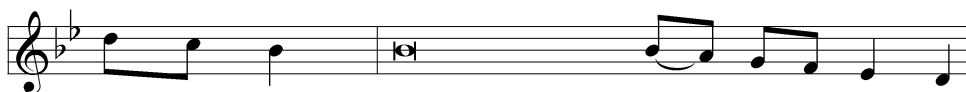
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



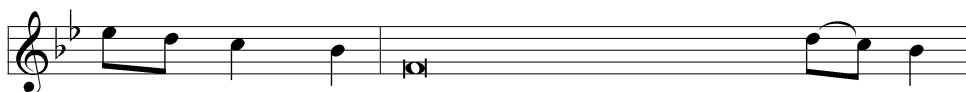
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



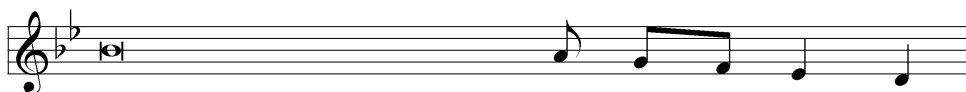
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



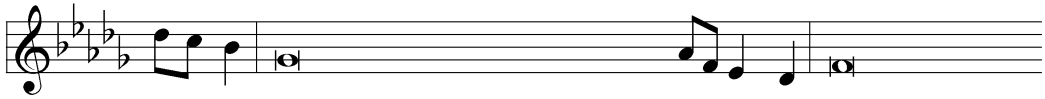
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



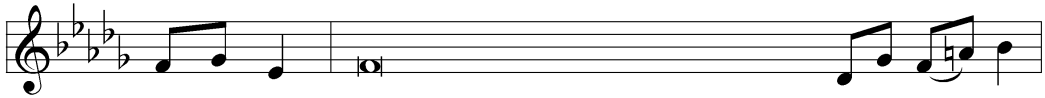
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

THE WORD OF GOD



The First Lesson:

1 John 3:13-18

Love is not only spoken, but it is also seen in action. It was Christ who displayed greatest love by giving his life for us. In response to Christ's love for us, do we then display that same selfless love and service to our neighbor.

¹³Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23

The singing of Psalms has always been a part of worship dating back to God's people of the Old Testament. In 70 A.D. after Christians were scattered abroad by the great Roman persecution, the singing of Psalms was still able to unite believers in faith and worship no matter where they lived. Today, the Christian Church still incorporates Psalms in worship as a way of uniting believers everywhere in declaring the wonders and grace of God.



1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je -
2 When I walk through the shades of death, his
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -



ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he
pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -
tend me all my days; oh, may his house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
my a - bode and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when
His hand, in sight of all my foes, will
There would I find a set - tled rest while



I for - sake his ways and leads me, for his
still my ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings
oth - ers go and come, no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
o - ver - flows; his oil a - noints my head.
or a guest but like a child at home.

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: Luke 14:16-24

In this Parable of the Great Banquet, Jesus teaches the kingdom of heaven is not a matter of birthright, earthly status, or entitlement but rather the kingdom of heaven is a matter of faith. All people everywhere who believe in Jesus as their Savior from sin will one day dwell in heaven's eternity.

¹⁶Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

¹⁸“But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

¹⁹“Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

²⁰“Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

²¹“The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

²²“ ‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

²³“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

Please Stand

Nicene Creed

There are 3 creeds (confessions of faith) of the Christian Church. The Athanasian Creed which defends the divinity of Christ. The Apostles' Creed which defends the Christian faith based off the Apostles' teaching of Christ. The Nicene Creed which proclaims our Triune God and the individual work of each person; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed has been used in worship by the early Christian Church since the early 300s A.D., uniting each individual believer into one common Christian faith.

The Nicene Creed is commonly used on communion Sundays because it focuses more so on the person and saving work of Christ, who's body and blood we receive in the sacrament.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of
the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please Be Seated

Sermon Text: Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Sermon Theme:

“This Is Our God!”

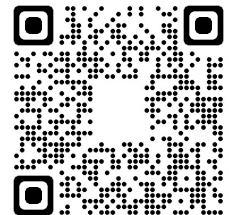
Create In Me, CW #942

The singing of Psalm 51, after the sermon, became part of the Christian worship and liturgy in the mid-1500s A.D. It was incorporated into worship so believers might have a sung response to the hearing of God's Word. It is also a prayer, that the Word of God may be now forever implanted on our hearts and displayed in our lives.

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please Be Seated

The Service of the Sacrament

The celebration of the Lord's Supper is the highest point of Christian worship. The early Christian Church has always given the Lord's Supper a place of prominence in worship. The worship and liturgy have been building up to this pinnacle, where God now comes to meet with his people through the giving of his very body and blood for the assurance of forgiveness and for the strengthening of faith. It is where believers join at the Lord's altar, bearing witness to our shared faith in Christ and confessing the truth of our salvation.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

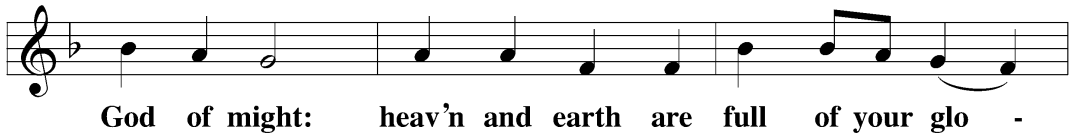
C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.



Holy, Holy, Holy *Divine Service I, Supplement*

Originally "Sanctus," Latin for "Holy." As the angels gathered around the throne of God to sing their 3 time "holy" song of praise to the Triune God (Isaiah 6:3), the early Christian Church incorporated this anthem into the liturgy of the Lord's Supper, as believers prepare to come forward to the altar of their "Holy" and "Triune" God.



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.

O Christ, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) *Divine Service I, Supplement*

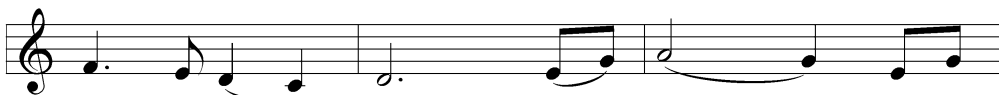
Originally "Agnus Dei," Latin for "Lamb of God," was first used as part of the sacramental liturgy in the 600s A.D. This anthem so clearly depicts the sacrificial nature of Christ for the sins of the world, whose very body and blood Christians now come forward to receive in the bread and wine for the assurance of their forgiveness.



O Christ, Lamb of



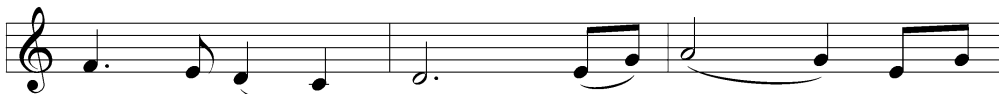
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

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.

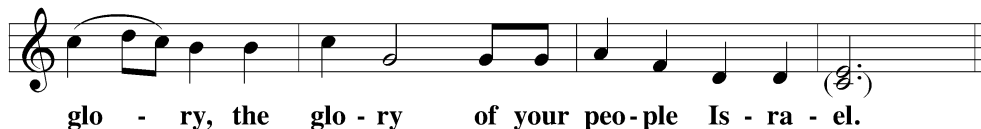
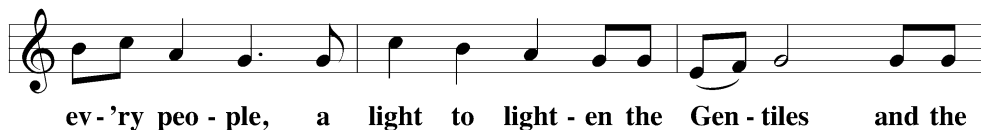
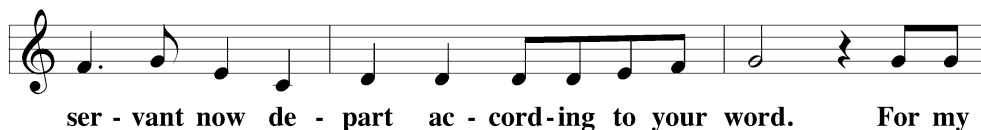
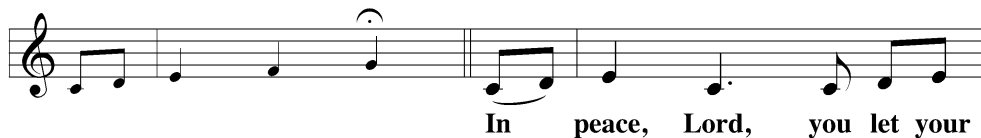


Distribution Hymn

The early Christian Church was known as the "Singing Church." Traditionally hymns and anthems were sung during the distribution of communion as a way of filling the sanctuary with the blessed music and proclamation of God's grace and favor. Today, the same hymns are sung as Christians come forward to the Lord's altar.

Song of Simeon *Divine Service 1, Supplement*

Originally “Nunc Dimittis,” Latin meaning “Now Let Depart.” After holding the Christ Child in his arms and seeing the fulfillment of God’s promise, Simeon (Luke 2) let out a song of praise. The Song of Simeon was incorporated into the Christian worship liturgy in the 1500s A.D. as an anthem of conclusion. After having received the Lord’s Supper, the worshipper may now “depart in peace” knowing they are forgiven and at peace with God.



Closing Prayer

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Final Blessing

This closing blessing is also known as the “Aaronic Blessing.” In the time of Moses, God commanded Aaron the High Priest to pronounce His name upon the Israelites to bless them, pronouncing the name of the Lord 3x, once for each member of the Holy Trinity. The Christian Church has always concluded its worship with the same blessing and then later added the “Triple Amen” as a way of giving final praise to our Triune God.

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

Red CW pg. 44, Service of the Word



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Announcements:

7 Letters to 7 Churches

Today 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!

Women's Bible Study

How is your prayer life? How do you pray? Is there a right or wrong way to pray? How often should I pray? What a tremendous blessing and privilege Christians have to talk to the Almighty God! Do we use and appreciate this access to the King of Kings? Would you like to learn more about prayer? To be encouraged in your prayer life? Join us for a Women's Bible Study book study! Women's Bible Study will start meeting in person on Thursday nights. We will meet at 6:00 PM in the Northdale Christian Academy Library starting on Thursday, October 24th. We will be studying the People's Bible book entitled: [Prayer: An Audience with the King by Joel V. Petermann](#). If you would like to attend this Bible Study, please purchase this book before October 24th. It is available for purchase online at Amazon and Northwestern Publishing House. Please double check for the correct author when ordering as there is another book with a similar title. Feel free to bring your supper along if you are coming straight from work! Please see Aimee Hardman for more information or any questions. We hope you can join us!

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.

Voters' Call Meeting

We will be holding our next Call Meeting on Sunday, October 20th at 11:30am, to call for a full - time Spanish speaking pastor.

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.

Grades 5-8 Drama Production

NCA students in grades 5-6 will perform It's Saturday, and students in grades 7-8 will perform The Ever-Changing Goldilocks and the Three Bears on Thursday, October 10. There will be two performances: 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. The 6:30 PM performance will be streamed and available to view on our Northdale Lutheran YouTube channel.

"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: Asheville, NC as their community suffered severe damage from the many days of rain and flooding, **James Alexander** the nephew of our member Christine Lawrence, as he undergoes vein surgery in the coming week. **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:** **Schroeder Family** as Sarah's father, John Lawrenz, was called home to his eternal rest. **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:** **Northdale Lutheran Church** as we continue to call for a Spanish speaking Pastor.

Serving Today

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Picone/Raines

10:30 - Berg

Streaming: Berg

Counters: Busch

Serving Next Week

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer

10:30 - Schebel

Streaming: Storm

Counters: Schinske

2023-2024 Year to Date Offerings Through August 2024

General Offering Received: \$ 38,291.32

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 50,378.32

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$ 11,375.34)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (8 weeks): \$ 4,786.42

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

SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT



Helene Recovery Underway

Thanks to all of you for your prayers for our brothers and sisters affected by Helene. Our prayers continue for the many affected.

At this point, we still have no reports of loss of life among our WELS congregations. Many of our congregations celebrated “Michael and all angels” last Sunday. We give thanks to our God for his protection among us.

Pastor Paul Zell in Hendersonville shared that communication has been very difficult because cell service is spotty at best. He has spoken to most of his members, and all are safe, but there are many in the greater Asheville area that are still missing. Widespread flooding and mudslides were a severe threat. Many members suffered significant damage to homes and property. CAR representatives will be in Asheville on Saturday to do assessment and begin the coordination of assistance.

Pastor Jonathan Neumann in Martinez, GA told me this morning that they are on day 5 without power. A shortage of drinking water is also a problem for many. Extensive clean up is needed on the church property. Many members have suffered significant damage to homes and property. CAR will be on site there early next week.

Pastor David Priebe shared that 6 families at Bay Pines have been displaced from their homes on the barrier islands due to the storm surge. Most of the damage was confined to the narrow strip of Pinellas County along the beach. 3 families from Living Savior in Valrico also suffered significant damage to their homes. Pastor Priebe also reported that 2 families from Peace in Trinity, FL lost all the contents of their home.

As I have said, please work with CAR if you have monetary or manpower needs in the recovery process. Pastor Daniel Sims and our partners in ministry have been extremely helpful.

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck Westra