

Northdale Lutheran Church

Northdale Christian Academy

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Festival of the Reformation

November 3, 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 right 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.

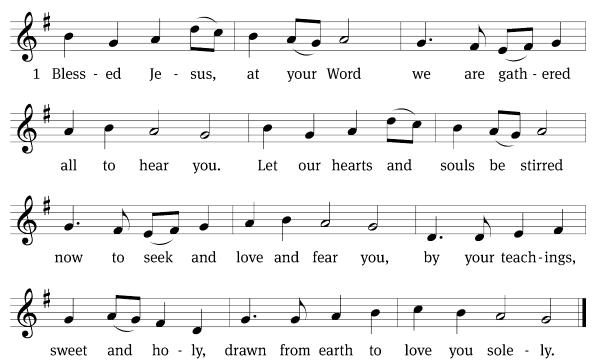
Invocation

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



- **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.



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.



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; 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.





THE WORD OF GOD



The First Lesson:

Daniel 3:16-28

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused the king's order to worship the idol he had made, they were thrown into the fiery furnace. Yet God sent an angel to protect them from the fire and deliver them from certain death. Such is our God of grace, who on the Last Day, will deliver his people through death unto the glories of eternal life.

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²²The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

²⁵He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

²⁸Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 119

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.

Hymn, CW #862

Lord Keep us Steadfast in Your Word

Written By: Martin Luther based off Psalm 119

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 13:5-11

The Day of Judgment is coming. Here Jesus gives the things to look for, so we might know the time of the end is near. These signs are to serve as warnings to not become lax in our faith, and to serve as encouragements as we keep focused on the day of our salvation.

⁵Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹"You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

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.

Written By: Martin Luther

Sermon Text: Revelation 14:6-7

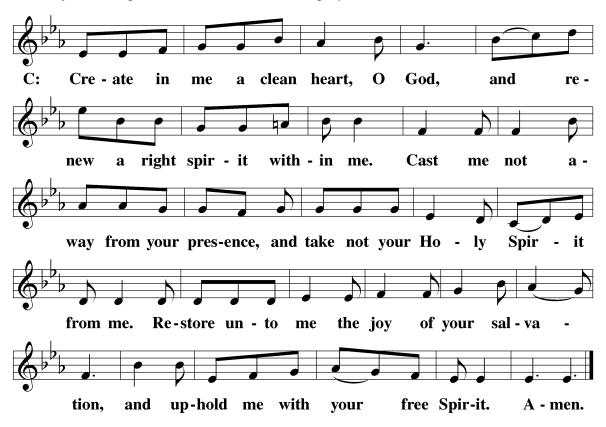
⁶Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

"Do You Fear God?"

- 1) The fear (terror) of his judgments
 - 2) The fear (wonder) of his love

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.



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.



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: 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.

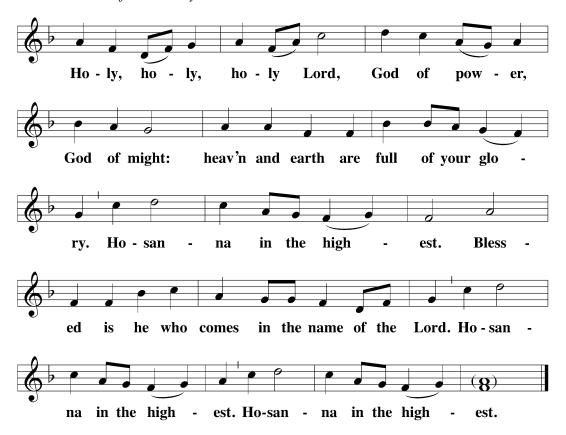
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Who preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. 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 Divine Service 1, 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 1, 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.



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.

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



Closing Hymn #640

God's Word is Our Great Heritage

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All of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website www.NorthdaleLutheran.org. We also email out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please email the office at office@northdalelutheran.org and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.

Announcements:

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

On November 10, 2024, Grace Lutheran Church in Spring Hill, Fl will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. The congregation was started in 1974 and has been blessed with God's grace for 50 years. The anniversary service is at 10:00 am with a light meal to follow.

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!

Every Member Visits - Sign-up Today!

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.

WELS Teen Ski Weekend - February 7-9, 2025

Our WELS South Atlantic District teens will once again be gathering for an amazing weekend in Gaitlinburg, TN for worship, Bible study, friendships, and time on the slopes! This weekend is open to all our teens 11 - 18 years of age. If you have a teen interested in going, please speak with Mr. Mattes as soon as possible, the deadline is November 15th.

Pastor Timothy Flunker

At our Voters' Meeting last week our congregation called Pastor Timothy Flunker to serve as our Spanish speaking pastor. May the Lord bless him as he deliberates this call.

Northdale Pioneers

Pioneers are meeting **Thursday**, **November 7th** from 6-7:30pm. This month is our woodworking lesson. We are in need of extra hammers to borrow. Also, extra chaperones are appreciated this month to keep an eye on the 30 kids swinging hammers.

Trivia Night!

Join us for the third annual Trivia Pot Luck night! People of all ages are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of Trivia and fellowship on Friday, November 15th starting at 6pm. Please bring a dish to share. Prizes to be won and fun to be had!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social

We will be holding our Thanksgiving Eve Worship on **Wednesday**, **November 27th at 6:30pm.** We will be gathering after the service for a Pie Social, where everyone is encouraged to bring a Thanksgiving dessert to share. Who doesn't want to eat dessert first to kick off the Thanksgiving holiday!

"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: Pastor Timothy Flunker as he deliberates his call to serve as our Spanish speaking pastor, Amanda Tortorice as she suffered a severe broken leg and is homebound, John Kim Jr. as his home was flooded from hurricane Helene, Noemy Zumbado who is on hospice care from stage 4 cancer, Sharon Shores who has been diagnosed with lymphatic cancer, 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. Continued Prayers: Tom Scherer as he recovers from a blood infection, Lawrence and Schofer families as Christine's husband, Fred Lawrence, was called home to eternal glory. Hurricane Milton for all our members, churches, and community still enduring hardship and loss, Asheville, NC as their community suffered severe damage from the many days of rain and flooding, 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.



LWMS Fall Rally

(Tampa Bay Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society)

Saturday, November 9th

Registration: 9:15 am to 9:55 am Rally: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Peace Lutheran Church

12708 Memorial Drive, Trinity, FL



New Mission Opportunities in Pasco County
Presented by

Pastor Ben Bitter
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Sandwiches will be provided please bring a dish to pass

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Serving Today

Serving Next Week

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Picone/Raines Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer

10:30 - Berg 10:30 - Schebel

Streaming: Berg Streaming: Storm
Counters: Busch Counters: Schinski

2024-2025 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