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

Epiphany Sunday

January 12, 2025

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 #372

As With Gladness Men of Old

Confession of Sins

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

M: Lord Jesus, on this day as we gather for worship, we are reminded of your awesome holiness and glory. Yet, we come before your throne this morning in deep humility knowing our offenses, failures, and faults, and confessing our sins before you.

C: `Forgive us of our greed in stockpiling the material things of this world, calling it “prosperity.”

Forgive us for the grudges we hold against our neighbors and family, justifying it as “righteous anger.”

Forgive us for having called our pride and arrogance, “self-esteem;” for thinking our gossip and slander, is “good conversation;” for excusing our selfish decisions, as “a free choice.”

Forgive us for failing to stand up for the truth of your Word, so that we might be viewed as nonjudgmental and tolerant.

Forgive us for those crying out for help in body and soul, and yet we do nothing because of our so busy and hectic lifestyles.

Forgive us this day of all our sins, and restore us to you once again.

M: O Lord, we deserve only to be thrown from your presence and suffer an eternity in hell. Even with a thousand life spans, we could never make amends for the wrongs we have done. Therefore, we simply bow ourselves before your throne and cry out for your mercy.

Please Stand

The Comfort of Forgiveness Psalm 103

M: “The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
 Slow to anger, abounding in love.
 He will not always accuse,
 nor will he harbor his anger forever;
 He does not treat us as our sins deserve
 Or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 So great is his love for those who fear him;
 As far as the east is from the west,
So far has he removed our transgressions from us.
 He has redeemed your life from the pit,
 and crowns you with love and compassion.”
Take heart this day, the Lord has forgiven you. Amen

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, by the leading of a star, you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith to come at last to the perfect joy 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.

Please Be Seated

THE WORD OF GOD



The First Lesson: 1 Kings 10:1-9

The Queen of Sheba is commonly identified with a wealthy trading nation that flourished in southwest Arabia. When this queen came to see Solomon's kingdom for herself, she recognized a connection between the wisdom of Solomon and the God he served.

¹When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the Lord, she came to test Solomon with hard questions. ²Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan—with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones—she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind. ³Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. ⁴When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, ⁵the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the Lord, she was overwhelmed.

⁶She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. ⁷But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard. ⁸How happy your people must be! How happy your officials, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! ⁹Praise be to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness.”

Song of Praise, CW #387

Arise, Your Light Is Come

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: Acts 13: 46-49

When the Jews in Asia Minor rejected the Gospel, Paul and Barnabas turned to the Gentiles (those not Jews). As the Word was preached, the light of the Gospel began to go out into the world.

⁴⁶Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

“ ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

⁴⁸When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

⁴⁹The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

Sermon Hymn, CW #376

Rise Up and Shine

Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

6“ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Search of Wise Men

- 1) Is a joyful one
- 2) Is a careful one

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

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
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 # 923

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

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:

New Year - Stronger Faith!

As we begin a New Year in the Lord's grace, let us recommit ourselves to the Lord's Word by making a commitment to attend Adult Bible Study and by bringing our children to Sunday School. Let us make use of the Christian Education opportunities to come to a deeper understanding of our faith and for a closer relationship with our Savior.

New Year Bible Study!

Join us on today at 9:30am for a new Sunday morning Bible study: "A Christian's Reaction to Blessings and Challenges." We will be taking look at the many circumstances of life and how we are able to respond and hold it all together with a steadfast faith!

Miss Aimee Hardman's 25th Teaching Anniversary

We will be celebrating Miss Hardman's anniversary on February 23, 2025. To show our love and appreciation we placed a gift card or cash box on the table in the church entrance way.

It's MLC Grant Time!

Martin Luther College is offering a partnership grant, whereby the money given in support of our Northdale Lutheran member students attending MLC will be matched 100% up to \$1,600. So the \$1,600 we raise to support our member students attending MLC and preparing for future ministry will be matched to \$3,200. What a blessing! Envelopes are available on the back table and can be placed in the offering plate.

2025 Offering Envelopes

You can pick up your 2025 offering envelopes from the table in the overflow room. If you do not have offering envelopes but would like them, you can follow the instructions printed on the table.

Call Meeting/Voters' Meeting/Congregational Forum

Our Biannual Voters' Meeting and Congregation Forum will be held Sunday, January 26th at 11:30am. We will be updating on congregational life, current ministry, and give a financial overview. Our Voters will also be holding a Call Meeting to call for our Mission Enhancement position of a full-time Spanish speaking pastor.

Some Committees & Meetings!

Party Planning Committee Wednesday, January 15 @ 6:00pm

January is Preferred Enrollment Month

Current NCA families, their siblings, and members of Northdale Lutheran Church will have 2025-2026 re-enrollment priority through the month of January. Any new students to NCA must first complete the online application through our website before they can be enrolled. Re-enrollment is the process for current NCA students already enrolled and will be completed through TADS in January. Starting February 1, new family applications to NCA will be considered based on availability. Check out our website for the 2025-2026 enrollment fee and tuition schedule: NorthdaleChristianAcademy.org. NCA offers Christ-centered education beginning at age 3 through 8th grade.

Chris Haring Receives Call

Chris Haring has received a Divine Call to serve at Divine Savior Academy in Missouri City, TX. Your prayers, thoughts, and comments are welcome to him as he deliberates this call.

Communicating Christ - A Bible Information Course

Want a refresher on our Christian doctrines of faith? Want to know more about what Northdale Lutheran Church teaches and believes? Join us on Tuesday nights at **7:00pm - Starting Tuesday, January 28th**. Everything is provided, even the treats! Babysitting is provided! Speak with pastor for more information.

"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: Mr. Haring as he has received a Divine Call to serve at Divine Savior Academy in Missouri City, TX. **Those Shut-in: Paul Ulbricht** at Concordia Village, **Jean Schofer** at Arden Courts, **Continued Prayers: Lynda and Tom Faucette** as Lynda's brother, Gary McCleary, passed away and was called home to eternal rest, **Karen Jacobs** who had been hospitalized and under treatments for a brain bleed, **Amanda Tortorice** as she suffered a severe broken leg and is homebound, **John Kim Jr.** as his home was flooded from hurricane Helene, **Sharon Shores** who has been diagnosed with lymphatic cancer, **Nations at War** for the Lord end the hostility, bring peace, and to protect the innocent, **Prayers for the Kingdom: World Missions**, that the Lord would bless the families and work of our foreign missionaries, as they seek to bring Christ to the ends of the earth. **Home Missions**, that the Lord would continue to provide his church with pastors and teachers needed to serve in full-time ministry.

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Serving Today

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt
Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer
10:30 - Schebel
Streaming: Storm
Counters: Busch

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Elizabeth Guse
Ushers: 8:30 - Koren
10:30 - Mosakowski
Streaming: Berg
Counters: Schinske/Klecka

2024-2025 Year to Date Offerings Through November 2024

General Offering Received: \$ 98,554.99
General Offering Budgeted: \$ 124,166.65
Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$25,611.66)
Average Weekly Offerings Received (21 weeks): \$ 4,693.09
Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$ 5,770