



Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

January 26th, 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 #377 vs 1-4

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

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

**The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
anointed Christ in glorious sight
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall
to save the world and free us all.**

**Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

After the Lord's rejection of King Saul, the Lord sent Samuel to the house of Jesse to anoint the next king of Israel. Out of all of Jesse's sons, Samuel anointed David to be king, not because of his stature or appearance, but because of David's heart and devotion to his Lord.

¹The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

²But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." ⁹Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

¹²So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

¹³So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Hymn, CW#607
NCA students sing 10:30am

10,000 Reasons

Children's Devotion

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

Second Reading: Titus 3:3-7

How great is the mercy of our God! Our salvation is not dependent who we are or what we can do, but solely dependent upon God's grace. A grace freely given to us through our baptisms, whereby the Holy Spirit brings forgiveness, life, and salvation.

³At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Hymn, CW #680

Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy

Sermon Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

“The Need of Baptism”

- 1) Need for Jesus’ Baptism
- 2) Need for Our Baptisms

Hymn, CW #678

God’s Own Child I Gladly Say It

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

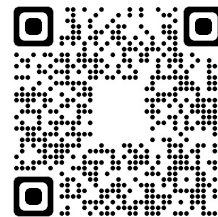
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand 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

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 #929

May The Peace of God

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Announcements:

Unity Sunday, February 23rd - Schedule of Events!

Worship - We will be having 1 service at 10:30am. It is a time to gather and worship as a body of Christ.

New Member Welcome - During the service we will welcome all our new members who have joined our congregation over the last couple months.

Miss Hardman's 25th Anniversary - During the service we will recognize Miss Hardman and her special milestone in ministry.

No Sunday School / Bible Class - There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School on Unity Sunday. As we will be setting up tables and chairs before service.

Church Picnic - There will be a church picnic immediately following the service. There will be a cookout, bounce houses, games, and activities.

Pioneer Pine Car Derby - During the picnic our Pioneers and congregational members will be racing their homemade pine cars for competition and for our entertainment.

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.

A Christian's Reaction?

Join for our Sunday mornings @ 9:35am for a new Bible study series that takes a look at the many circumstances of life and how we are able to respond and hold it all together with a steadfast faith! Join us this morning for "*A Christian's Reaction: Unresolved Hurt and Anger.*" Next week is "*A Christian's Action: Struggling with Instant Gratification.*"

Northdale Job Fair!

No, not for employment, but for kingdom service opportunities! Starting Sunday, February 9th you will have opportunity after services, to visit specialized tables to see what opportunities there are for you to grow in faith and service. Maybe you want to be an usher, join a choir, attend a mid-week Bible study, help out with building and grounds, be part of the altar guild or party planning committee, get involved with youth, help with money/offering counting, and soooooo much more! Take the time to visit the tables and see the great ministry the Lord has set before all of us!

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.

Call Meeting/Voters' Meeting/Congregational Forum

Our Biannual Voters' Meeting and Congregation Forum will be held today 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.

Outdoor Movie Night

January 31st is our Outdoor Movie and Pizza night. Pizza will be provided but please bring your own chairs, snacks, and blankets. We will be watching a Disney animated movie. Food will be served at 6:00pm and the movie will begin by 6:30pm.

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.

Pastor Guse Receives Call

Pastor Guse has received a Divine Call to serve Peace of Our Savior in New Carlisle, Ohio. Your prayers, thoughts and comments are welcome to him as he deliberates this call.

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.

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.

WELS Christian Aid & Relief (CAR) Thank You

Dear Members of Northdale Lutheran Church,

Greetings in Christ! Thank you for your support as we have received your gift of \$7,400 on 12/27/2024. Your gift will be used to help support the relief efforts for those who been impacted by disaster, thereby helping share Christ's compassion with those in need. Every year, gifts like yours help bring measurable assistance, and the good news of Jesus Christ, to hundreds of hurting families and souls.

“As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 3:10). WELS Christian Aid & Relief regular carries out the following ministries of mercy:

- Disaster relief for those impacted by hurricanes, tornados, floods, and disasters
- Humanitarian Aid projects in association with WELS Home and World Missions to provide basic needs of food, clean water, medical care, and clothing.
- Provide local congregations with Matching Grants to carry out localized ministries of mercy.
- Provide for WELS members dealing with severe medical or financial crisis.

For updates on how your gifts are being used, go to www.wels.net/relief. Thank you again for your generous and loving support!

In Christ,

Mr. Dan Sims, Director of WELS Christian Aid & Relief

"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: **Our Government**, as we thank the Lord for past leadership and blessings upon transition of power, **Antioch High School, TN**, for the victims and families of the shooting that the Lord may bring peace and healing. **Those Shut-in:** **Paul Ulbricht** at Concordia Village, **Jean Schofer** at Arden Courts, **Continued Prayers:** **Sherri Niemann**, who is at home recovering from heart surgery, **Dorr Family**, as their brother, **Don Bublitz**, is now recovering at home after having surgery, **California Wild Fires** that the Lord keep all lives, homes, and businesses safe during this time. **Mr. Haring** as he has received a Divine Call to serve at Divine Savior Academy in Missouri City, TX, **Karen Jacobs** who had been hospitalized and under treatments for a brain bleed, **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.

Serving Today

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Busch

10:30 - Allan/Faucette

Streaming: Haring

Counters: Newton

Serving Next Week

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Picone/Raines

10:30 - Berg

Streaming: Storm

Counters: Schinske

2024-2025 Year to Date Offerings Through December 2024

General Offering Received: \$ 138,619.86

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 148,999.98

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$10,380.12)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (26 weeks): \$ 5,331.53

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