



NORTHDAL
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Northdale Christian Academy

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

Unity Sunday

February 23, 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 #731

O How Good It Is

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; 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 Psalm 133:1-3

Christian unity is a beautiful thing. Where as the priestly oil symbolized complete devotion to the Lord, and the dew of the mountains made lands rich and fruitful, so also Christian unity bonds us together in rich and fruitful service to the Lord.

¹How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!

²It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.

³It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

New Member Recognition

Today we welcome and recognize all our new families who have joined our Northdale Congregation over the last months.

Children's Devotion

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

Hymn, NCA

Oh, Shout for Joy

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:2-7,11-13

As believers, we are the body of Christ. We are united in saving faith and united in our mission to worship God and serve our fellow man.

²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Hymn, CW #870

O Church, Arise

Sermon John 17:20-24

²⁰“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

A Prayer for Unity!

Hymn, CW #510

In Christ Alone

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>.



Miss Aimee Hardman's 25th Teaching Anniversary

Today we give thanks and recognize Miss Hardman's 25 years of faithful teaching service. 20 years have been at our Northdale Christian Academy.

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.

Hymn, CW #800

How Firm A Foundation

Announcements:

Miss Aimee Hardman's 25th Teaching Anniversary

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

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!

Ash Wednesday Service

Join us on **March 5th at 6:30pm for Ash Wednesday Worship** as we set our hearts on our Savior's passion this Lenten season. There will be a **potluck meal served at 6:00pm** (*everyone is to bring a dish to pass*), and the service will start around 6:30pm.

Luther Prep Concert

On Saturday, March 22nd @ 7:00pm, the Luther Prep Choir Tour will make a stop a Northdale Lutheran for a Spring Christian Concert. There will be about 40 students that we will need to feed before the concert and house after the concert for 1 night. The meal is being organized by Peace Lutheran but we need to house the students. A sign-up sheet is on the entryway table for housing. The children of Northdale, Peace, and Citrus Grove Lutheran churches will be singing with the choir during the concert. It is such an amazing event!

People of the Passion

During the season of Lent, we will be holding a mid-week Bible study to set our hearts and minds on the sufferings of our Savior. We will be taking a look at some of the people and events surrounding our Lord's death and resurrection. This Bible study will take place at church on Wednesday, nights **beginning Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00pm**. *Ash Wednesday Worship will replace the Bible study on Wednesday, March 5th.*

Camp South 2025!

It's early I know! Our WELS South Atlantic District summer youth camp will run July 21-25. If you have a child entering 4th grade to 9th grade, and are thinking about sending them, please sign-up on the "Interest List" on the entryway table. Cost and registration will be figured out later, but just getting a jump numbers and what might be needed for chaperones and transportation. For more information, you can go to southatlanticyouth.com.

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.

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.

Moms and Tots

Join us this spring for moms and tots! This class is open to all young children and their caregivers, ages 18 months- 4 years old. We will meet at church on Tuesdays from 9:30am-10:30am on the following dates: March 4, 11, 25, April 1, 8, 15. This is a great opportunity to meet other children and their caregivers while being guided by caring teachers in a small group setting with stories, games, songs and art. We would love for you to join us! There is a registration fee of \$30 to cover the cost of supplies. Spots are limited! Register at www.northdalelutheran.org. If you have any questions, please email us at momsandtots@northdalelutheran.org or call the office at 813-961-9195.

"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.orgcd

Congregational Prayers: Aimee Hardman, in celebration of 25 years of teaching ministry. **Those Shut-in:** Paul Ulbricht at Concordia Village, Jean Schofer at Arden Courts, **Continued Prayers:** Janice Horvath, mother of Jacqueline Pryce, as she is recovering at home from a stroke, Doerr Family, as their brother, Don Bublitz, is now recovering at home after having surgery, 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:** Northdale Lutheran as we pray for the Lord to fill our enhancement position of a Spanish speaking pastor, **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: 10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt

Ushers: 10:30 - Allan/Faucette

Streaming: Haring

Counters: Newton

Serving Next Week

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Picone/Raines

10:30 - Berg

Streaming: Storm

Counters: Busch

2024-2025 Year to Date Offerings Through January 2025

General Offering Received: \$ 160,309.53

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 173,833.31

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$13,523.78)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (30 weeks): \$5,343.65

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