# NORTHDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# **Northdale Lutheran Church**

Northdale Christian Academy

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# Transfiguration Sunday March 2, 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.
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 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

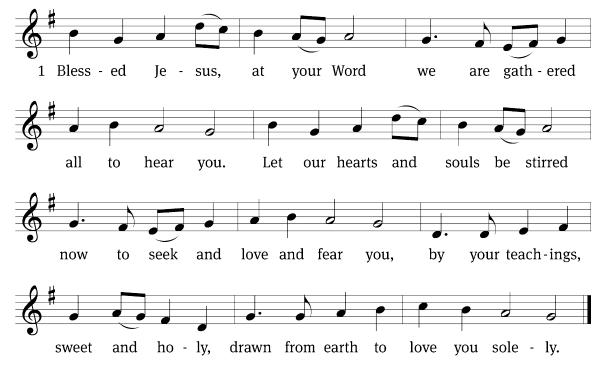
The early Christian Church used a Gathering Rite as believers would assembled for worship. A reminder as they came into church, they were coming into the presence and dwelling of God. The gathering right assembles us today in the presence of our God, to be assured of our forgiveness and to receive strength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





**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.

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

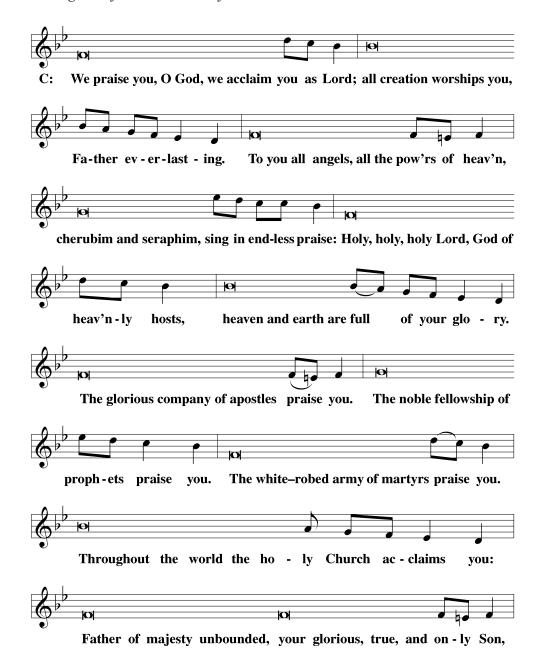
O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

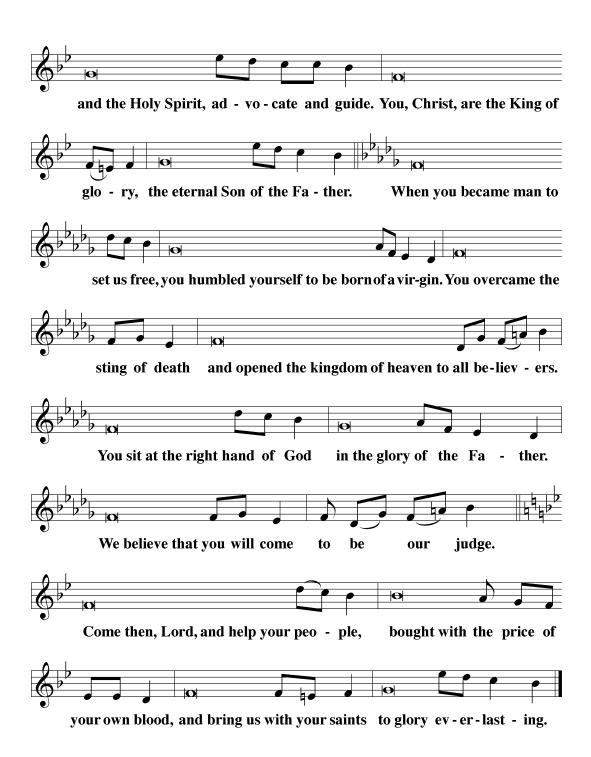
### Amen.

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:

Exodus 34:29-35

After Moses came down from Mt. Sinai his face was radiant from being in the presence of God. Moses' radiant face was a sign to the Israelites of God's divine authority in the giving of his Law.

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup>When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

### **Psalm of the Day**

### Psalm 121

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.

### **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:2 Corinthians 3:7-18

The Apostle Paul contrasts the Old Covenant with the New Covenant. As the Old Covenant was the Law given through Moses, how much greater is the New Covenant of Grace given through Christ. The passing radiance of Moses' face would now give way to the eternal radiance of a Savior.

<sup>7</sup>Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, <sup>8</sup>will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? <sup>9</sup>If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! <sup>10</sup>For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. <sup>11</sup>And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup>We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup>Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the 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.

Please Be Seated

### Sermon Text: Luke 9:28-36

<sup>28</sup>About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup>Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup>They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup>As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

<sup>34</sup>While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

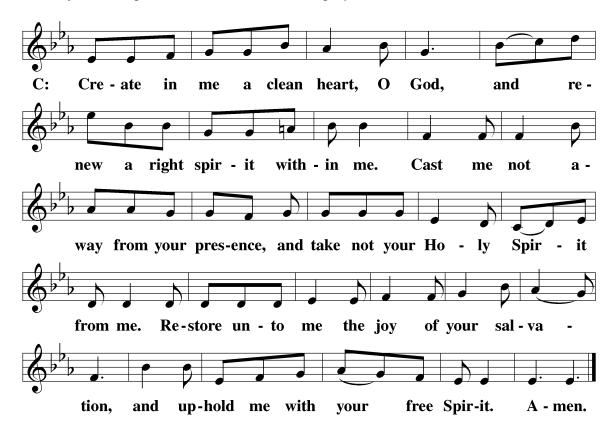
### **Sermon Theme:**

## "How Good Lord to be Here!"

To see your glory
 To hear your Word

### 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. 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 this 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.

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### The Service of the Sacrament

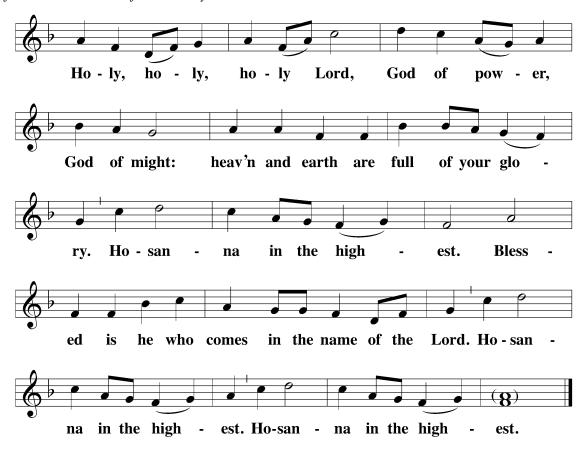
The celebration of the Lord's Supper is the highest point of Christian worship. The early Christian Church has always given the Lord's Supper a place of prominence in worship. The worship and liturgy have been building up to this pinnacle, where God now comes to meet with his people through the giving 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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. 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 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.



### **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**

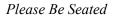
This closing blessing is also known as the "Aaronic Blessing." In the time of Moses, God commanded Aaron the High Priest to pronounce His name upon the Israelites to bless them, pronouncing the name of the Lord 3x, once for each member of the Holy Trinity. The Christian Church has always concluded its 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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All of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website <u>www.NorthdaleLutheran.org</u>. 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:

### Thank You from Miss Hardman

I can't thank you enough for the outpouring of love and generosity in celebrating my 25th teaching anniversary. The recognition, kind words, gifts, day off of school, and having my sister come meant more to me than you will ever know. You are my Florida family and I am so blessed through you!

### Call Meeting for Spanish Speaking Pastor

On **Sunday, March 9th at 11:30am**, we will be holding a Divine Call Meeting to fill our vacant mission enhancement position of a full-time Spanish speaking pastor.

### Northdale Pioneers

Congratulations to our Pinewood Derby winners, Noelle Ceretta "prettiest", Jen Storm "most unique", Maggie Storm "fan favorite", Marlowe Wilke "3rd place", Luke Schroeder "2nd place", and Colson Allan "1st place"! Thursday, March 6th, will be our final Pioneer meeting for the year. Our theme for this meeting is "Easter". We will meet in the sanctuary from 6pm until 7:30 pm.

### To The Ends of The Earth

Join us @ 9:30am on Sunday mornings for a Bible study video series entitled "To The Ends of The Earth." This video series follows Paul's remarkable visit to the city of Philippi, recorded in Acts 16. It shows how Paul connected with people from all walks of life, demonstrating that the good news of Jesus is indeed for all people—to the very ends of the earth.

### **Committee Meetings This Month**

Monday, March 3rd	Member Care Committee	6:30pm
Monday, March 10th	Academy Board Meeting	6:30pm
Monday, March 24th	Ministry Leadership Team	6:30pm

### 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.

### Northdale Job Fair!

No, not for employment, but for kingdom service opportunities! 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 sooooooo much more! Take the time to visit the tables and see the great ministry the Lord has set before all of us!

### **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 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.

### **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:** Wanda Schofer who has been suffering from a severe skin rash, Mattes Family as Principal Mattes deliberates a call to serve as head of schools in Jefferson, WI, Miss Aimee Hardman as she deliberates a call to serve 1st and 2nd grade in Eagle River, WI. *Those Shut-in:* Paul Ulbricht at Concordia Village, Jean Schofer at Arden Courts, *Continued Prayers:* Janice Horvath, mother of Jacqeline 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.

### **Contact Information**

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### Serving Today Music: 8:30/10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt Ushers: 8:30 - Picone/Raines 10:30 - Berg Streaming: Haring Counters: Newton

### Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Elizabeth Guse Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer 10:30 - Schebel Streaming: Berg Counters:

### 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

# **LWMS Spring Rally**

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

Saturday, March 8th Registration: 9:15 am to 9:55 am Rally: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

# **Peace Lutheran Church** 12708 Memorial Drive, Trinity, FL



Come and join us for our LWMS Rally on March 8th! Speaker Jacob Bitter will discuss his experience serving as a Vicar in Medellín, Colombia, and his work with WELS World Missions in Latin America. Come and learn how God helps us frame our discomfort as opportunities. I hope to see you there!

# Sandwiches will be provided please bring a dish to pass