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

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 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.

Instruction for Lent

God created us to know joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, from our fellow man, and from all creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us.

By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire for us to come under his judgment, but turn to him and live.

Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the Law, to suffer for us, and die the death that we deserve.

During these 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who endured the cross scorning its shame, yet who conquered death only to sit down at the right hand of the Father.

The time of Lent reminds us, to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know his sufferings becoming like him in his death.

Therefore, we begin this evening with our confession of sins and turn to our Savior for his mercy.

Our Confession

P: We confess to you, our God, this night that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

P: We confess all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.

C: Have mercy on us, O Christ.

P: We confess our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our manipulation of other people.

C: Have mercy on us, blessed Savior.

P: For our anger when our selfish aims are denied, and for our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

C: Have mercy on us, O Jesus.

P: For our love of worldly comforts and for our dishonesty in our daily work and life.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

P: For our blindness to human need and suffering, for our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

C: Have mercy on us, O Christ.

P: For our negligence in worship, indifference to prayer, withholding earthly wealth in offerings, and for our failure to show the faith that is in us.

C: Have mercy on us, blessed Savior.

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger and condemnation depart from us.

C: Hear us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

Hymn: CW #396 vs. 4,5

Christ, the Life of All the Living

**Heartless scoffers did surround thee,
treating thee with cruel scorn,
and with piercing thorns they crowned thee.**

**All disgrace thou, Lord, hast borne
that as thine thou mightest own me
and with heav'nly glory crown me.**

**Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee
that from pain I might be free;
falsely did thy foes accuse thee:
thence I gain security.**

**Comfortless thy soul did languish
me to comfort in my anguish.**

**Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation

C: That we may show forth your glory in the world

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior

C: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection

P: Almighty God, you have had mercy on us. You have forgiven all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ. May you strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of your Holy Spirit keep us through this life unto the eternal life to come.

C: Amen

Hymn: CW #396 vs. 6,7

Christ, the Life of All the Living

**Thou hast suffered great affliction
and hast borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
for thy sorrows deep and sore,
for thine anguish in the garden,
I will thank thee evermore,
thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,
for thy bleeding and thy dying,
for that last triumphant cry
and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.**

The Passion History Reading

(Taken from the 4 Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)



Jesus' Readiness To Suffer And Die

Now the feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples, “As you know, the Passover is two days away and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the High Priest, whose name was Caiaphas. They plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. “But not during the feast,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

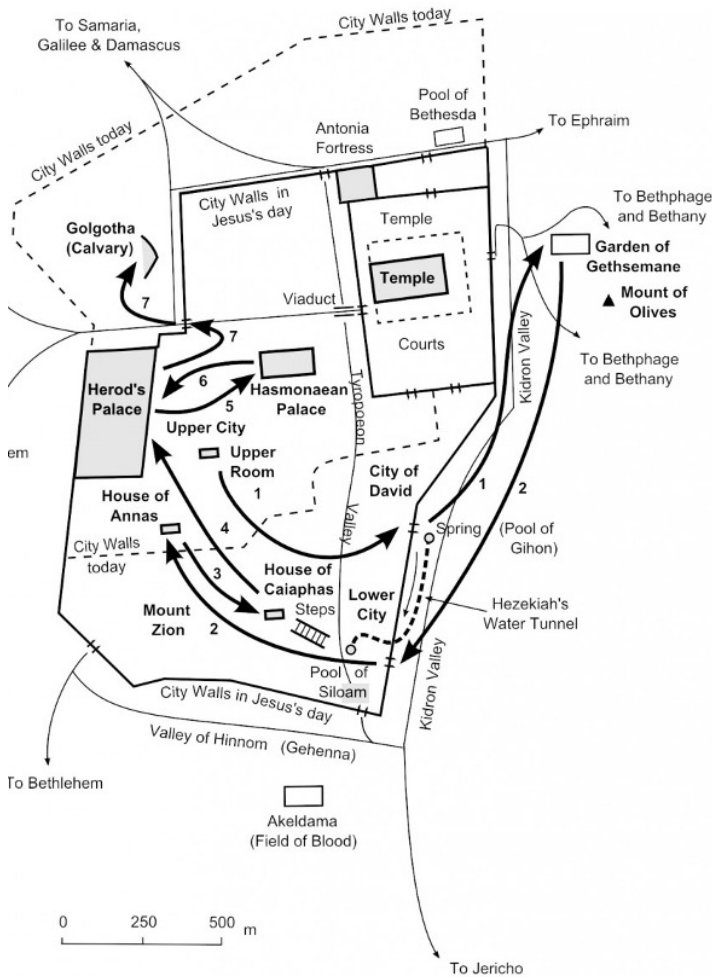
Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the twelve. Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. They were delighted and agreed to give him money. Judas asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” They counted out for him thirty silver coins. He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus sent two of his disciples, Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

“Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

He replied, “Go into the city. As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters. Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher says, my appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house. Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So the disciples did as Jesus directed them and prepared the Passover.



In the evening at the proper hour, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat of it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

A dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be the greatest. Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them are given the title Benefactor. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater? The one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have

stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciple's feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that is why he said not everyone was clean. Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well."

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you should also wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Once you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.



Sermon Text: Hebrews 10:1-10

¹The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. ²Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. ³But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. ⁴It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;

⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

⁷Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.’”

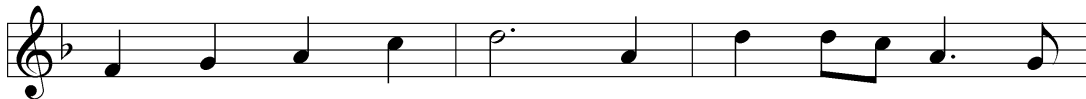
⁸First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Sermon Theme:

“Jesus, Our Great High Priest”



1 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred head With
 2 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred hands With
 3 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred feet With
 4 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred heart With



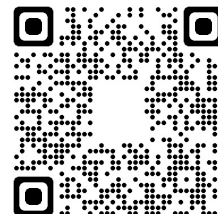
thorns was pierced for me; Oh, pour thy bless - ing
 nails were pierced for me; Oh, shed thy bless - ing
 nails were pierced for me; Oh, pour thy bless - ing
 spear was pierced for me; Oh, pour thy Spir - it



on my head That I may think for thee.
 on my hands That they may work for thee.
 on my feet That they may fol - low thee.
 in my heart That I may live for thee.

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>.



The Lord's Supper
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Communion Distribution Hymn: CW #814

Just As I Am

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Closing Hymn, CW #789

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night