



1st Sunday in Lent

March 9th, 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 #778

Father We Praise You

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

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil’s temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan’s lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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 Passion History Reading

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

The Upper Room

When Jesus had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. Then Jesus took the cup gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you that I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine from now until the day I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom. I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the Scripture: 'He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me.' I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am he. I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."

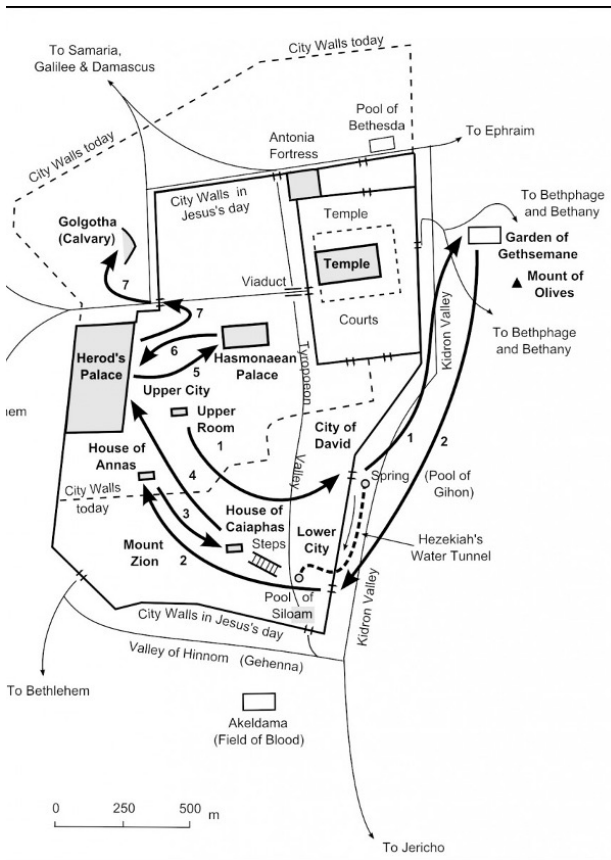
After Jesus had said this, he was deeply troubled and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me. The hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table."

His disciples were very sad. They stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant, and began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this. One after the other they began to say to him, "Surely not I, Lord?"

Jesus replied, "It is one of the Twelve. The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

The disciple whom Jesus loved was reclining next to him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas



Iscariot, son of Simon. Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you."

As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. What you are about to do, do quickly," Jesus told him, but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas took the bread, he went out. And it was night.

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, then God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread on the night he was betrayed, gave thanks, 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." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it in remembrance of me." They all drank from it."

My little children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going you cannot come. A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

"Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers."

But Peter replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag, or sandals did you lack anything?"

"Nothing," they answered.

He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you do not have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.

The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords." "That is enough," he replied. When Jesus had finished praying, and they had sung a hymn, he went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.

Hymn CW #401

There is a Fountain

This Lenten Great was written by William Cowper of England in the 1700s. After his mother died when he was 6, his life was riddled with broken relationships, nervous disorders, mental illness, career failures. He was daily tormented by the thought of being damned, for "How could God ever love a miserable person like himself?"

Even though William Cowper lived a life of earthly struggle, he never let go of Christ. Through God's Word he came to realize, his salvation didn't depend on who he was or what he could give to God, but salvation comes only through the blood of Christ, the blood Christ shed for sinners like himself.

Cowper's hymn, *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*, is a confession that only by the blood of Christ are we redeemed and forgiven. Only by the blood of Christ are we healed and made whole. Only by the blood of Christ will we one day stand in heaven and sing God's praises evermore.

Sermon Text: Luke 4:1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” ⁴Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷If you worship me, it will all be yours.”⁸Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

⁹The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰For it is written:

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”
¹³When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

“The Simple Word”

1. That stands up to the world
2. That stands up for life

Sermon Hymn, CW #699

Take The World But Give Me Jesus

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

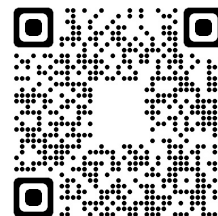
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand 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 #931

Savior Again To Thy Dear Name

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:

Call Meeting for Spanish Speaking Pastor

Today 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.

Committee Meetings This Month

Monday, March 10th Academy Board Meeting 6:30pm

Monday, March 24th Ministry Leadership Team 6:30pm

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.

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 soooooo much more! Take the time to visit the tables and see the great ministry the Lord has set before all of us!

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.

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.

Luther Prep Concert

On Saturday, March 22nd @ 7:00pm, the Luther Prep Choir Tour will make a stop at 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!

"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: Those Shut-in: Paul Ulbricht at Concordia Village, Jean Schofer at Arden Courts, **Continued Prayers:** 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, 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, **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: 8:30/10:30 - Elizabeth Guse
Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer
10:30 - Schebel
Streaming: Berg
Counters:

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Elizabeth Guse
Ushers: 8:30 - Koren
10:30 - Mosakowski
Streaming: Storm
Counters: Newton

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