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

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 23rd, 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 piano. Parents - Please keep the busy bags clean and in order before hanging them back up.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Hymn, CW #953 vs 1-3

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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

Song of Praise, CW #953 vs 4-5

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

**You are King of glory, Christ,
 Son of God, yet born of Mary,
for us sinners sacrificed,
 on the cross our sins did carry;
first to break the bars of death,
you have opened heav'n to faith.**

**Holy Father, holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one,
 undivided God we claim you,
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; 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.

Hymn, CW #627
NCA students sing 10:30am

To God Be The Glory

The Passion History Reading

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



Jesus Before the Sanhedrin

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and took him away.

They brought Jesus to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Then they took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where all the chief priests, elders, and teachers of the law had assembled. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there, and brought Peter in. It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

One of the servant girls of the high priest on duty at the door came by. When she saw Peter seated there in the firelight warming himself, she looked closely at him and said, "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus. Are you not one of this man's disciples?"

He replied, "Girl, I am not. I don't know him. I don't know or understand what you are talking about." Simon Peter went out into the entryway and the rooster crowed.

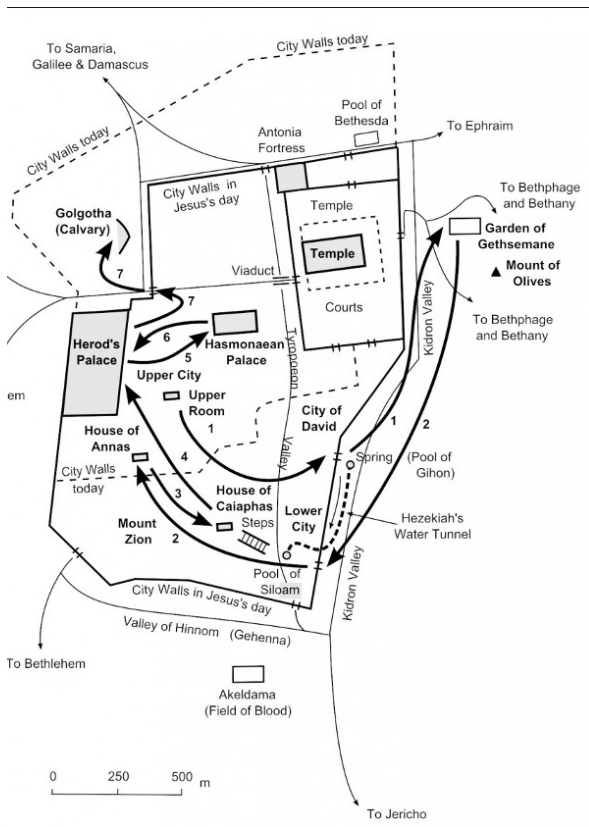
A little later, when the servant girl again saw him there, she said to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them."

Again, he denied it, this time with an oath, "I am not! I don't know the man!"

About an hour later, another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." Those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away." One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the olive grove?"

Then Peter began to call down curses upon himself, and swore to them, "I don't know the man you are talking about." Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside, broke down, and wept bitterly.

Now Annas had sent him still bound to Caiaphas, the high priest. The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.



"I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in the synagogues or at the temple. I have said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said."

Then one of the officials nearby, struck him in the face. "Is that anyway to answer the high priest?" he demanded.

"If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "speak up about it. But if I spoke the truth, why did you hit me?"

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

Finally, two came forward and declared, "We heard him say, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days. I will destroy this man-made temple

and in three days will build another, not made by man.'" Yet, even their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony these men are bringing against you?" But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again, the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One? I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

"I am," Jesus said, "It is as you say. But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "he has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, you have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

"He is worthy of death," they answered.

Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him, and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?" The men who were

guarding Jesus began to mock and to beat him and to say many other insulting things to him.

Very early in the morning, at daybreak, the chief priests with the elders, the teachers of the law, and the whole Sanhedrin met together, and Jesus was led before them. "If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us."

He answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the Mighty God."

They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied, "You are right in saying I am."

Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

The whole assembly rose. They bound Jesus and led him before Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

Hymn, CW # CW #430

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

This Lenten Great was written by Thomas Kelly. Thomas Kelly was born in Ireland in 1769. His father was a judge in the city courts. Thomas also studied law for a time before becoming a pastor in the Church of Ireland. His study of secular law equipped him for a life of preaching God's law. However, his staunch preaching of God's law was met with opposition and he was banned from preaching in the State and Established Churches. He became an independent minister starting new churches around Ireland, places of worship where the Law of God was preached and places of worship where Christ, the fulfillment of Law, was preached.

Thomas Kelly knew, where there was disobedience to God's Law there must be punishment. But he also knew it was Christ, who took the punishment of God's Law upon himself. His hymn, Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted, calls our attention to "The reality of sin's cost." If we ever are tempted to think lightly of our sin, simply look to the cross of Jesus and see the reality of our sin and its punishment as it was carried out upon Jesus.

When Thomas Kelly was on his death bed, a friend bringing him comfort quoted to him Psalm 23, saying "The Lord is your Shepherd." To which Thomas replied, "The Lord is my everything."

Sermon I Corinthians 10:1-13

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” ⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! ¹³No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

“Lessons From History”

1. Lessons of God’s Justice
2. Lessons of God’s Grace

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

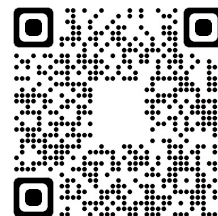
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand 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 #930

Go My Children

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Announcements:

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.**

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.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 13th	Palm Sunday Worship	8:30am & 10:30am
Thursday, April 17th	Maundy Thursday w/Communion	6:30pm
Friday, April 18th	Good Friday Tenebrae (Darkness)	6:30pm
Sunday, April 20th	Easter Festival Worship	8:30am & 10:30am
	Easter Breakfast	9:30am
	Easter Egg Hunt	11:30am

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter lily in honor of or in memoriam of a love one to beautify our Easter service, please use the envelopes on the back table. The cost of the Easter lilies are \$10. You will be able to take them home after Easter worship.

Thank You Pastor Werner!

Pastor Werner and Barb will be moving back to Wisconsin this Spring to be closer to family. In order to thank Pastor Werner for his service to Northdale, we will be recognizing his service in our Palm Sunday worship. **There is a gift/card box on the back table for our expressions of love as the Lord leads them to a new home.**

Northdale Family Fun Fest!

What do you do when 3,000 community members show up for a festival day at the park? We set up a booth! The Northdale Civic Association is hosting a **Family Fun Fest @ Northdale Park on Saturday, April 5th from 10:00am-2:00pm**. If you would like to help out in our booth with brochures and giveaways. There is a sign-up sheet on the entryway table for you to pick a time slot that fits your schedule. If you can't work the booth but would like to help set-up in the morning at 8:30am, you can do that as well. What a great day to share our ministry!

Splash Canyon! 2025 Summer VBS

Come take a wild ride on God's promises! Our summer Vacation Bible School will run June 16 - 20 from 9:00am-12:00pm. **Online registration will be open starting April 1st** at northdalelutheran.org Tell all your friends now as we look to a great summer VBS!

"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:** 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.

Serving Today

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Busch

10:30 - Allan/Faucette

Streaming: Haring

Counters: Klecka

Serving Next Week

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Roemhildt/Schofer

10:30 - Schebel

Streaming: Berg

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