



4th Sunday in Lent

March 30th, 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 #520 vs 1-4

For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

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 # 520 vs 5-6

For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

**See all your sins on Jesus laid;
the Lamb of God was slain.
His life was once an off'ring made
that you might live again.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love
be ever, ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heav'n.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; 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)



Jesus Before Pontius Pilate

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.

When Judas, who betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is unlawful to put this money into the treasury, since it is blood money.” So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded.”

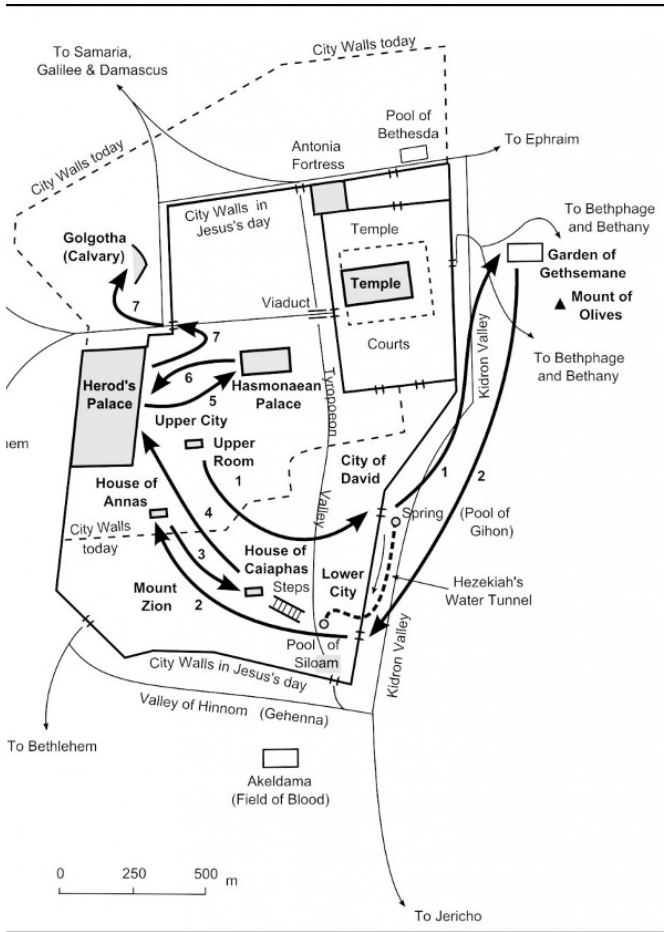
By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace. They wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?”

“If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.”

Pilate said, “Take him and judge him by your own law.”

“But we have no right to execute anyone,” the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

Then the chief priests and elders began to accuse him saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king.”



Pilate then went back inside the palace and summoned Jesus. Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Is that your idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

“Do you think I am a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your chief priests and your people who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this

reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

“What is truth?” Pilate asked. With this he went out to the Jews, and announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I found no basis for a charge against this man.”

The chief priests and elders accused Jesus of many things. Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear how many things they are accusing you of?” Jesus gave no answer. So again Pilate asked him, “Are you not going to answer?” But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

The chief priests and elders insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea with his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at the time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased because for a long time he had been wanting to see him perform some miracle. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. As you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

Now it was the governor’s custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came and asked him to do what he usually did. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate said to them, “It is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Which of the two do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus, the King of the Jews, who is called Christ?” Pilate knew it was out of envy the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

Hymn, CW #407

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

This Lenten Great was written by Isaac Watts. Isaac was born in England in the 1600s. He was the oldest of 8 children, thus his parents ran a meager boarding-house and sold clothes on the side to make ends meet.

Isaac did become well educated, at a young age he received a tutor to begin a study of Latin, and in the coming years learned Greek, Hebrew, and French.

When Isaac was in his late 20s, he became distressed over the poor quality of music in God's churches. His father then challenged him to write a new hymn every Sunday for 2 years. He did. Not only did Isaac grow musically, poetically, and literary but also grew in his faith, as he wrote hymns focused on God's grace and mercy. Isaac would eventually write over 600 Christian hymns including, *Joy to the World* and *Our God our Help in Ages Past*.

In his 40s he was stricken with a chronic "fever and weakness" that never left him. He was given an assistant, to help him travel and to help him preach. Throughout his life Isaac realized, "That I daily live, only because the Son hast died for me." His hymn, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, reminds us Christ has given everything and suffered everything for our sins, and thus to him we owe our praise, our life, our everything.

Sermon **Romans 8:1-10**

¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

“Kept Under Control”

1. Not under the sinful nature
2. Under the power of the Spirit

Hymn, CW #396 vs 1-4

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

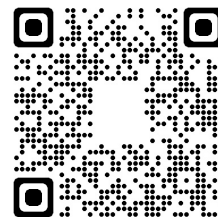
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand 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 #396 vs 5 -7

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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:

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.

Easter Breakfast

Join us for a potluck Easter breakfast between church services at 9:30am. Potluck sign up sheets are on the entryway tables. Please have all food here by 9am so that we may set it up and start serving at 9:30am.

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.org

Congregational Prayers: Shirley Doerr for her birthday this week, Diane Chalski as she undergoes some health procedures, Wendy Picart for the Lords wisdom and strength during uncertain times. **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 - Roemhildt/Schofer

10:30 - Schebel

Streaming: Berg

Counters: Newton

Serving Next Week

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

Ushers: 8:30 - Picone/Raines

10:30 - Berg

Streaming: Storm

Counters: Busch