

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent April 6<sup>th</sup>, 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:

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- 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.

# **DIVINE SERVICE**

A TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH LITURGY.

## Gathering Rite on the Word of God

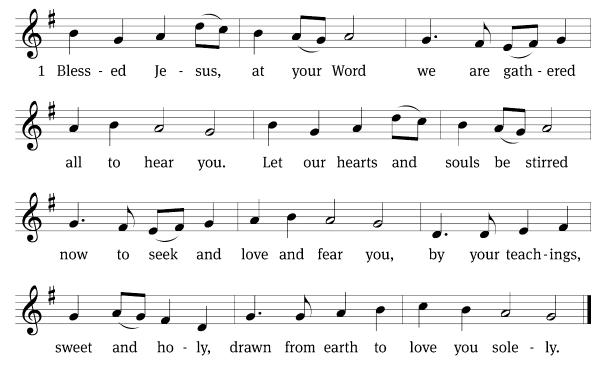
The early Christian Church used a Gathering Rite as believers would assembled for worship. A reminder as they came into church, they were coming into the presence and dwelling of God. The gathering right assembles us today in the presence of our God, to be assured of our forgiveness and to receive strength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



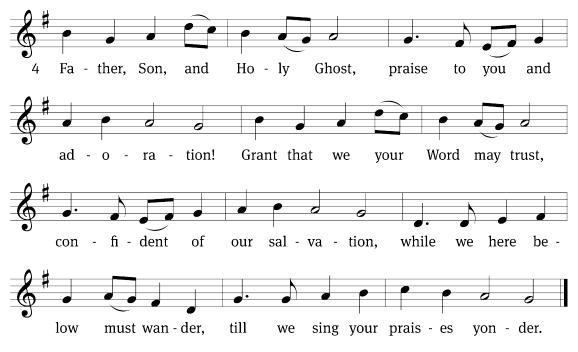
- M: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16)
- C: "So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 *Timothy 3:17*)
- **M:** Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly 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.



## Please Stand

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

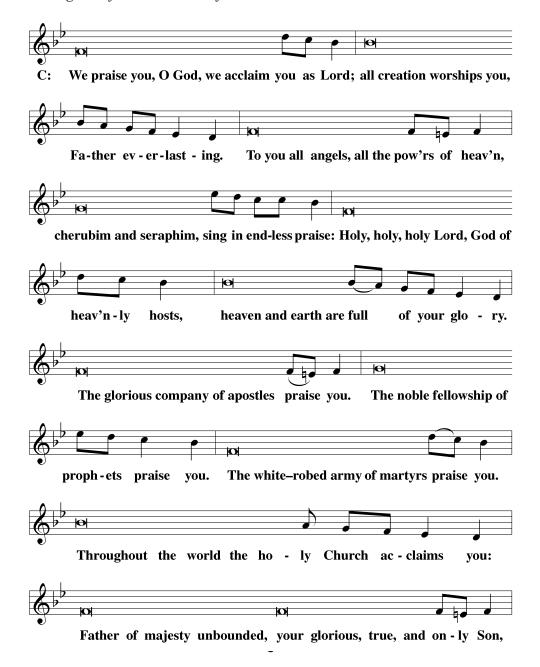
Let us pray.

Almighty God, by your great goodness, mercifully look upon your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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.





## **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 Condemned To Death

The chief priests and the elders stirred up the crowd and persuaded them to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. With one voice they cried out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!"

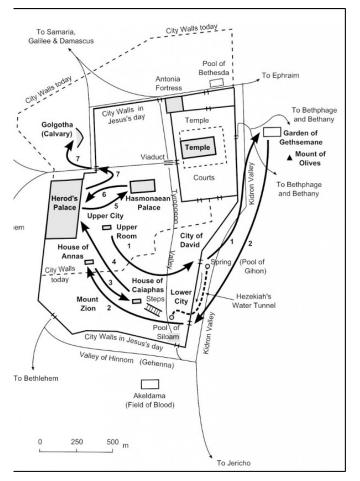
Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again, "What shall I do then, with Jesus, who is called Christ, the one you call king of the Jews? "Crucify him!" they shouted. "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

For a third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has he committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him punished and then release him."

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" and their shouts prevailed.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace of the governor, the Praetorium, and called together the whole company of soldiers. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head, put a staff in his right hand and knelt down in front of him worshipping. They spit on him, struck him in the face, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. They mocked him and began to call out to him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is



the man!" As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him." The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have the power either to free you or to crucify you?"

Jesus answered, "You have no power over me that was not given to you by my Father in heaven. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar's. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the stone pavement, which in Aramaic is Gabbatha. It was the Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but instead an uproar was starting, Pilate granted them their demand, wanting to satisfy the crowd. He took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"

Then Pilate released Barabbas to them, and had Jesus flogged. He then surrendered Jesus to their will to be crucified.

The soldiers of the governor took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to be crucified. Carrying his own cross, he was led out to the place of the Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. As they were going out they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus. He was passing by on his way in from the country. They seized him, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

A large number of people followed Jesus, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then....

'They will say to the mountains: Fall on us!

And to the hills: Cover us!'

For if men do these things when the tree is green,

what will happen when it is dry?"

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Here they crucified him, and with him two others - one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. The chief priests of the people protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

#### Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 149

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.

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 Hymn, CW #432

## **O** Dearest Jesus

This Lenten Great was written by Johann Heermann. Johann Heermann was born in Germany in 1585. He was the 5<sup>th</sup> and only surviving child of his poor common parents, who lost all their prior children to plague, disease, and death. When Johann was born, his mother made a vow, that if he survived, she would make sure he grew to be a Lutheran minister. At the age of 26, he became a Lutheran pastor and faithfully preached to God's people for many years.

His ministry, however, was marked by many hardships. Disease and plague ran through his city killing 550 people. A fire burned his city to the ground leaving many homeless. The invading armies of the Thirty Year's War ravaged his city, plundering the people and driving them into hiding. By the age of 46, he began losing his eyesight and also suffered throat disease that left him unable to speak and preach, and so he would write out his sermons to be preached by someone else. But no matter what hardships and sufferings Johann endured, he counted them as nothing compared to the sufferings of Jesus. He took comfort, that even though this world can take away so many things, this world can never take away the faith and hope we have in Christ. His hymn, *O Dearest Jesus*, recounts how the sinless Son of God willingly took upon himself the world's sin to suffer and die. Johann pictures the amazing love of a Savior as he endured all scorning, mockery, and humiliation for his people. Johann pictures – a Savior's dying love.

## Sermon Text: Philippians 3:7-11

<sup>7</sup>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

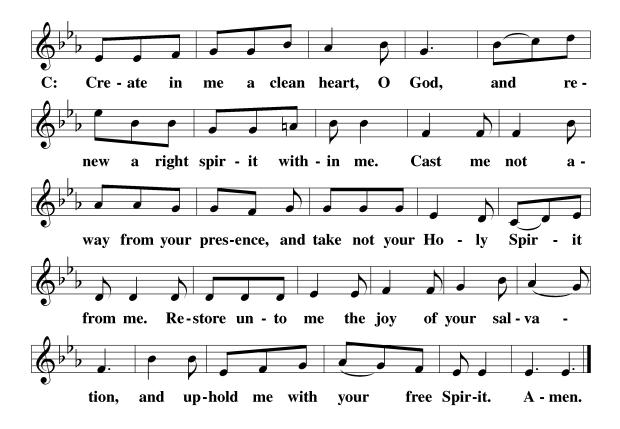
## Sermon Theme:

# "Obtaining Righteousness"

Is never self-centered
 Is always Christ-centered

#### 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

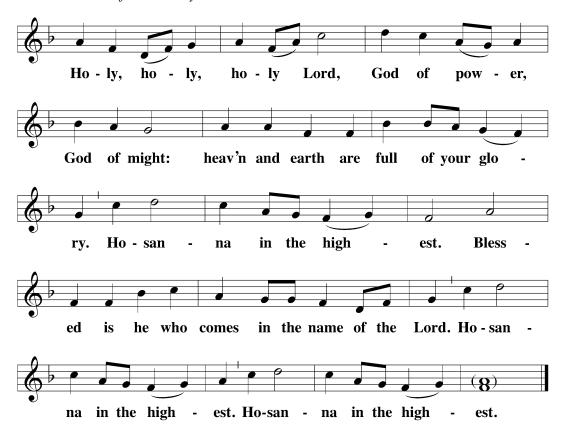
The celebration of the Lord's Supper is the highest point of Christian worship. The early Christian Church has always given the Lord's Supper a place of prominence in worship. The worship and liturgy have been building up to this pinnacle, where God now comes to meet with his people through the giving 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.



#### 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 let out a song of praise (Luke 2). 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**

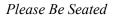
This closing blessing is also known as the "Aaronic Blessing." In the time of Moses, God commanded Aaron the High Priest to pronounce His name upon the Israelites to bless them, pronouncing the name of the Lord 3x, once for each member of the Holy Trinity. The Christian Church has always concluded its 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

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# **Announcements:**

## Fun Fest Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with our Family Fun Fest Church/Academy Booth yesterday at Northdale Park. What a great opportunity to share our ministry, hand out information, and meet so many people of our neighborhoods. How great amongst all the "free stuff and fun" to share the "free forgiveness and salvation" we have in Christ!

## **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.

## Camp South 2025

Camp South is our WELS District Summer Youth Camp for the member kids of our churches all across the South. It is for our kids entering 4th grade - entering 9th grade. It is time to register your children! Please pick up an information packet off the church entryway, and get signed up online! (There is no payment needed at this time, just the need to register). Any questions or for more information, please contact Pastor Guse.

## **Committee Meetings This Month**

| Monday, April 7th  | 6:30pm | Member Care Committee |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Monday, April 14th | 6:30pm | Academy Board         |
| Monday, April 21   | 6:30pm | MLT Meeting           |

## Christ is Greater!

Join us on Sunday mornings beginning Sunday, April 27th at 9:30am as we journey through the Book of Hebrews to understand the greatness of Christ. We will see how Christ is greater than the angels, greater than the O.T. Law, greater than all Israel's high priests, and the One in whom we place our faith.

## 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 is open** at <u>northdalelutheran.org</u> 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:** Dave Glodowski the father of Elizabeth Guse as he recovers at home from knee surgery, Diane Chalski as she undergoes some health procedures, Wendy Picart for the Lord's wisdom and strength during uncertain times. *Those Shutin:* 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, 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 - Daniel Roemhildt Ushers: 8:30 - Picone/Raines 10:30 - Berg Streaming: Storm Counters: Busch

## 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: \$ 177,672.78 General Offering Budgeted: \$ 198,666.364 Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$20,993.86) Average Weekly Offerings Received (34 weeks): \$5,225.67 Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$ 5,770