



**NORTHDAL**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Northdale Lutheran Church

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

## Confirmation Sunday

April 27, 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

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

*\*\* In preparation for Holy Communion, Members: We encourage you to use "The Christian Questions: Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 295 in the front of the hymnal.*

**Opening Hymn, CW #469**

**Welcome, Happy Morning**

*Please Stand*

### Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### Confession

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner**

*Please Be Seated*

**Absolution**

- M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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**

- M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

## First Reading

## Acts 5:12,17-32

*The good news of Jesus' resurrection must be preached! Even though the Jewish leaders tried to silence the preaching of the disciples by putting them into prison, God provided a miracle to release them. Its is the good news of Jesus' resurrection the Christian church still preaches today, even against all opposition and hatred.*

<sup>12</sup>The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. <sup>17</sup>Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. <sup>18</sup>They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. <sup>20</sup>“Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

<sup>21</sup>At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

<sup>25</sup>Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.” <sup>26</sup>At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

<sup>27</sup>The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. <sup>28</sup>“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

<sup>29</sup>Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. <sup>32</sup>We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

## Children's Devotion

*At this time, we invite all our young people to come forward to hear a special message prepared just for them.*

**Second Reading      Revelation 1:4-8, 12-18**

*In the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John receives a vision of the Lord's glory. We have a living God and Savior; one who has conquered death, forgiven the sins of his people, and who alone stands in power as the eternal God.*

<sup>4</sup>John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup>“Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

<sup>12</sup>I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup>I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!

*Please Stand*

**Sermon      John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**"A Resurrection You Can Believe In"**

*Please Stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

**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 truly 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*



## 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>.*



## Rite of Confirmation

Confirmation Rite  
Confirmation Promises  
Confirmation Verses  
Confirmation Blessing

## Those to be Confirmed

Camaya Elizabeth Cruz  
Jairo John Cruz  
Margaret Marie Storm

## The Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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.**



## Proper Preface

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*) *Divine Service 1, Supplement*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,

God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -

ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

M: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## **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.**

## **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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## O Christ, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) *Divine Service I, Supplement*

O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

### 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:** *So that there is no misunderstanding, we ask that you please speak with the pastor before communing with us.*

*Please Stand*

## **Thanksgiving**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

## **Proclamation**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## **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.**

## **Closing Hymn, CW #448**

## **Now Let The Heaven's Be Joyful**

*Please Be Seated*

*All of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website [www.NorthdaleLutheran.org](http://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](mailto:office@northdalelutheran.org) and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.*

# **Announcements:**

## **Voters' Meeting**

We will be holding a special Voters' Meeting after the early service today at 9:30am. We are meeting to have a formal congregational request put in to receive a seminary graduate to fill our position of a full-time Spanish speaking pastor.

## **Christ is Greater!**

Join us today 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.

## **FREE SALE! April 27 - May 3rd**

What is it? It is an opportunity for members to get rid of and get what they need, call it a "Member Share." The church will be open all week for members to drop off, search through, and pick up what they need. Have outgrown baby clothes and toys? No longer using a dresser or tables? No longer using a coffee maker or TV? Have clothes, boardgames, or bedding? If it is in "good shape" and can be shared.... Bring it! A "Free Will" donation box will be available if you so choose, proceeds will go towards our summer VBS ministry!

## **Last Call - Camp South Online Sign-Up!**

If you have children wanting to go to Camp South this summer, you must sign up online by May 11th. \*\*Even if you are thinking about sending your children to camp, register them online. Camp packets and sign-up information is on the entryway table. Speak with Pastor Guse if you have any questions or need more information.

## **NCA Musical Production**

On **Thursday, May 8th** our **Northdale Christian Academy Grades 1-4 @ 6:30pm**, will be presenting their Spring Musical "*Pirates 2*" It is sure to be a wonderful and enjoyable evening!

## **Committee Meetings**

Monday, May 5th @ 6:30pm

Member Care Committee

Monday, May 12th @ 6:30pm

Academy Board Meeting

Monday, May 19th @ 6:30pm

Ministry Leadership Team

## **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 [northdalelutheran.org](http://northdalelutheran.org)  
Tell all your friends now as we look to a great summer VBS!

## **End of Year BBQ**

Please come join us in celebrating the end of another blessed school year! The Goldberg's invite you to their home on Sunday, May 4th at 1pm, following church service. Please bring a side dish to share, and a swimsuit & towel if you choose to swim! Address and phone number for Allison and Troy are on the front table. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

## **"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](mailto:office@northdalelutheran.org)

**Congregational Prayers:** Schofer Family as their good friend John Kniker passed away this past week. **Those Shut-in:** Paul Ulbricht at Concordia Village, Jean Schofer at Arden Courts, **Continued Prayers:** Penaloza Family as they grieve the loss of a dear friend Dr Amir Daoud, Pastor and Barb Werner as they get ready to move to WI, Jean Schofer as she has suffered some broken vertebrae and is in recovery, Wendy Picart for the Lord's wisdom and strength during uncertain times, Dave Glodowski the father of Elizabeth Guse as he recovers at home from knee surgery, 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.

## **Contact Information**

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### **Serving Today**

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt  
Ushers: 8:30 - Busch  
10:30 - Allan/Faucette  
Streaming: Haring

### **Serving Next Week**

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Daniel Roemhildt  
Ushers: 8:30 - Picone/Raines  
10:30 - Berg  
Streaming: Storm

## **2024-2025 Year to Date Offerings Through March 2025**

General Offering Received: \$ 205,442.90

General Offering Budgeted: \$ 223,499.97

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: (\$18,057.07)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (39 weeks): \$5,268

Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$ 5,770