



NORTHDALE
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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.
- ❖ Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.
- ❖ 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 #630 vs 1-4

Thy Strong Word

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

**Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats to shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!**

**God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading**1 John 4:9-16**

God is the source of all love. We are able to love God because Christ first loved us. We are able to love others modeling Christ's love for all people.

⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

Hymn CW #142

NCA Anthem

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

The Apostle Paul reminds us what love is. Love is not a feeling but an action which is put into practice in christian life.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Hymn, CW #552

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Please Stand

Sermon John 13:31-35

³¹When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

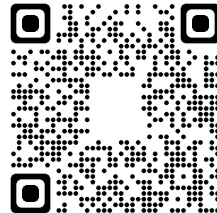
“Live in Selfless Love”

Hymn, CW #522

Beautiful Savior

Offering

We give our offerings as our worship, and for the spread of the Gospel around the world.



Psalm 13:5-6

⁵But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
**‘I will sing the Lord’s praise,
for he has been good to me.**

Principal’s Message
Distribution of Diplomas
Presentation of Graduating Class
Graduation Prayer & Blessing

Andrew Adams
Giancarlos Bencosme
Emma Mathern
Gianna Mendez
Joaquin Mendoza
James Shaw
Margaret Storm
Caleb Thaens
Sasha Wheeler
Jonathan Williams



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Hymn, CW #617

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of the Church

- M: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.
- C: Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**
- M: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.
- C: Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**
- M: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.
- C: Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**
- M: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.
- C: Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**
- M: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.
- C: Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**
- M: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.
- C: Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**
- M: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.
- C: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Blessing

May God the Father, bless you and keep you
May God the Son, make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
May God the Holy Spirit, look upon you with favor and give you peace
One God, world without end. Amen.

Please Be Seated

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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:

Spanish Worship - Sunday's @ 12:00pm

Entire worship is in Spanish! If anybody you know can benefit from our Spanish worship, we would love to share Christ love with them.

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
Tell all your friends now as we look to a great summer VBS!

No Summer Sunday School/Bible Class

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will resume August 10th @ 9:30am.

Committee Meetings

Monday, May 12th @ 6:30pm

Academy Board Meeting

Monday, May 19th @ 6:30pm

Ministry Leadership Team

Congregational Forum and Voters' Meeting

On Sunday, June 15th @ 9:30am, we will be having our annual June Voters' Meeting to update on ministry, hold elections for our Ministry Leadership Team, and ratify the 2025-2026 Budget.

"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:** Klecka Family as their mother Sandy Klecka passed away and was called to her eternal home, Rueff Family as they pray for their friend Sandra as she battles with Leukemia, 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, as she is recovering at home from a stroke, 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 - Koren

10:30 - Berg

Streaming: Storm

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:30/10:30 -

Ushers: 8:30 - Busch

10:30 - Allan/Faucette

Streaming: Haring

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