



3rd Sunday in Lent

March 8th, 2026

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 toddler area is available in the back of the church overflow room. There 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 #633

Speak, O Lord

Confession of Sins

M(inister): The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

M: Lord Jesus, on this day as we gather for worship, we are reminded of your awesome holiness and glory. Yet, we come before your throne this morning in deep humility knowing our offenses, failures, and faults, and confessing our sins before you.

C: `Forgive us of our greed in stockpiling the material things of this world, calling it “prosperity.”

Forgive us for the grudges we hold against our neighbors and family, justifying it as “righteous anger.”

Forgive us for having called our pride and arrogance, “self-esteem;” for thinking our gossip and slander, is “good conversation;” for excusing our selfish decisions, as “a free choice.”

Forgive us for failing to stand up for the truth of your Word, so that we might be viewed as nonjudgmental and tolerant.

Forgive us for those crying out for help in body and soul, and yet we do nothing because of our so busy and hectic lifestyles.

Forgive us this day of all our sins, and restore us to you once again.

M: O Lord, we deserve only to be thrown from your presence and suffer an eternity in hell. Even with a thousand life spans, we could never make amends for the wrongs we have done. Therefore, we simply bow ourselves before your throne and cry out for your mercy.

Please Stand

The Comfort of Forgiveness Psalm 103

M: “The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
 Slow to anger, abounding in love.
 He will not always accuse,
 nor will he harbor his anger forever;
 He does not treat us as our sins deserve
 Or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 So great is his love for those who fear him;
 As far as the east is from the west,
So far has he removed our transgressions from us.
 He has redeemed your life from the pit,
 and crowns you with love and compassion.”
Take heart this day, the Lord has forgiven you. Amen

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.



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."

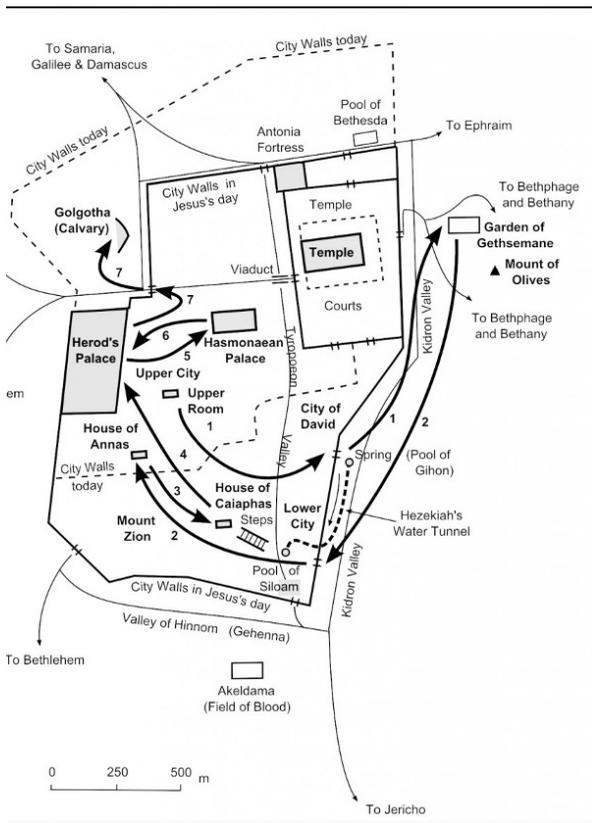
Then one of the officials nearby, struck him in the face. "Is that anyway to answer the high priest?" he demanded.

"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 #430

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

This Lenten Great was written by Thomas Kelly. Thomas Kelly was born in Ireland in 1769. Thomas 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. Because of his staunch preaching of God's law 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 knew, where there was disobedience to God's Law there must be punishment. 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 Text: Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

“He Loved Me At My Worst”

Personal Sermon Notes:

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

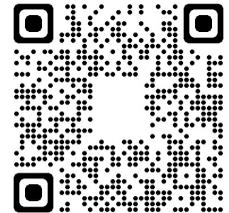
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand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

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
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.

Closing Hymn, CW #926

Lead Me, Lord

Announcements:

Sunday School/Bible Class -

Acts 29: The Story Still Being Written - Sundays at 9:30

Join us these coming weeks as Pastor Satorius leads Sunday morning Bible class. This Bible class is based on the book of Acts and will tackle questions of church identity and answer questions like “What is a church?” and “What is our purpose?” God will bless our time together as we look at the early church, taking from their lead and example, so that we might see how we can serve our people and our community. Join us!

Foundations Bible Class - Thursday’s at 6:00pm

New Bible information classes have started! They will be taking place on Thursday nights at 6:00. Whether you are new to the faith, new to the church, or a long-time member, these classes are designed to give an overview of Scripture, the Foundations of the Christian Faith. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Pastor Satorius.

All are welcome to come together for a Day At The Zoo on March 14th!

We will meet at **9:30am** outside of the entrance. Families may explore together, as a group or go off on their own once inside. Please bring a lunch, and we will meet back at the **picnic tables in the parking lot at 12:00pm** to eat together. We look forward to a great day of fun and learning at the zoo! Any questions can be directed to Angel Allan (813) 850-3718

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday Worship	8:30am & 10:30am
Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday w/Communion	6:30pm
Friday, April 3	Good Friday Tenebrae (Darkness)	6:30pm
Sunday, April 5	Easter Festival Worship	8:30am & 10:30am
	Easter Breakfast	9:30am
	Easter Egg Hunt	11:30am
	Servicio en español	12:00pm

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.

Camp South 2025! - Soul Survivor!

It's early I know! Our WELS South Atlantic District summer youth camp will run July 20-24 at an excellent FFA Camp in Covington, GA. Over 400 of our youth from our churches in the southern states will come together for a great week of faith and friends!

If you have a child entering 4th grade to 9th grade, and are thinking about sending them, please sign-up on the "Interest List" on the entryway table. Cost to our campers is \$300, remainder of the registration fee and transportation cost will be covered by our congregation and grants. Just getting a jump on numbers for chaperones and transportation. For more information, you can go to southatlanticyouth.com.

Youth Rally 2026

The WELS International Youth Rally is taking place at Bowling Green University in Bowling Green, OH on July 14-17, 2026. This event is open to confirmed NLC students graduating 8th grade through high school class of 2026. Sign up on the table in the narthex if you are interested in attending or chaperoning. No financial commitment is needed at this time, but we do need to know who is interested so we can plan accordingly. **Please sign up by February 25.** Talk to Mr. Mattes if you have any questions. You can learn more at the rally website: <https://welsyouthrally.net/>. Teens from across the country

will gather to discover ways to lead and serve, worship with thousands, and attend workshops to share the saving gospel. Explore what Christ can do through you!

Serving Today (3/8)

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Mosakowski

Ushers: 8:30 - Schofer

10:30 - Mosakowski

Streaming: Haring

Serving Next Week (3/15)

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Guse

Ushers: 8:30 - Laurin

10:30 - Allan

Streaming: Storm

"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: **Christine Lawrence** as she broke her arm and is healing, **Miss Jenny Shaw** as she deliberates her call to teach 5th/6th grade at our Academy, **Barb Lynn** who was hospitalized this past week in the ICU and is recovering, **Erika Forte**, who is recovering from surgery, **Zarra Elias**, a good friend of Angelina Lim - who is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer, **Willie Schofer** as the surgery was successful and now he will be receiving cancer treatments, **Christy Lambertus** sister-in-law of Susan Hanks who suffered a minor stroke and is in recovery, **Michelle Manley** for prayers as she is undergoing physical and financial hardships, **Brandy Santiago** who has been diagnosed with breast cancer, **Barb Hissong** who has been fighting kidney and uterine cancer, **Rueff Family** as they pray for their friend Sandra as she battles with Leukemia, **Nations at War** for the Lord to end the hostility, bring peace, and to protect the lives of the innocent, **Shut-ins:** **Paul Ulbricht** at Concordia Village, **Jean Schofer** at Arden Courts, **Prayers for the Kingdom:** **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.

Financial Update!

General Offerings Received July 2025 through January 2026 :

Weekly average received \$5,761. Budgeted needed \$6,020.

Currently behind budget - \$9,731.

We have a little over 4 months to increase our offerings so we may have a balanced budget. God is Great!



Educational playdates for children and their caregivers!

- April 8, 15, 22, 29
- Wednesdays, at 9:30am
- Stories, Games, Songs, and Crafts
- Ages 18 months - 4 years old
- In the Northdale Lutheran Sanctuary
- \$40 registration fee
- **Register Online: www.NorthdaleLutheran.org**

Babies are welcome for moms who have eligible children. Contact below for more information:

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