



4th Sunday in Lent

March 15th, 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

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Opening Hymn, CW #867 vs 1,2,3

Afflicted Saint, To Christ Draw Near

Please Stand

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**

Confession

M: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and before whom all lives are laid bare; in deep humility we gather before you today to confess our many sins seeking your mercy and grace.

C: **Holy Gracious Lord,
We confess, in your command to be perfect, we are not.
We confess, in your command to love our neighbor, we do not.
We confess, in your command to love you above all things, we have not.
We have so often lived by our own strength, been guided by our own eyes,
and lived for this world alone. We have followed the desires of our hearts,
rather than being led by your Word. Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us
the joy of your salvation.**

M: Before God who knows our minds and searches our hearts. Trusting solely in the merits of Jesus Christ, do you this day confess all your sins in thought, word, and deed? If so answer, I do confess.

C: **I do confess.**

M: Upon your confession, be assured our Heavenly Father has sent his Son into the world to save sinners. Through Jesus's death and resurrection, you are forgiven. You are God's people and have been made heirs of heaven, an eternal kingdom that cannot be destroyed. May the Lord open our eyes to see God's truth, give us wisdom to walk in his commands, and strengthen us to do his will. Amen.

Be Seated

Hymn, CW #867 vs 1,4

Afflicted Saint, To Christ Draw Near

**Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near, your Savior's gracious promise hear;
his faithful Word you can believe, that as your days your strength shall be.
So, sing with joy, afflicted one; the battle's fierce, but the vict'ry's won!
God shall supply all that you need; yes, as your days your strength shall be.**

**When called to bear your weighty cross, or sore affliction, pain, or loss,
or deep distress, or poverty, still as your days your strength shall be.
So, sing with joy, afflicted one; the battle's fierce, but the vict'ry's won!
God shall supply all that you need; yes, as your days your strength shall be.**

Sacrament Of The Lord's Supper

M: Being assured of our forgiveness, the Lord now invites us to his altar for the reception of his Holy Supper. Wherein, through this eating and drinking the Lord gives us his very body and blood, once shed on the cross, to remove any and all doubt of our forgiveness in Christ. May we come forward with joy, knowing the guilt of our sin is taken away. May we come forward with confidence, here to receive the strengthening of our faith to live a God pleasing life.

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.

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.

Communion Prayer:

M: Blessed are you, Lord, God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Bless us as we have received your Son’s body and blood in this Sacrament. May you increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.”

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.

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 Text John 9:1–7,13–17,34–39

1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. 14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

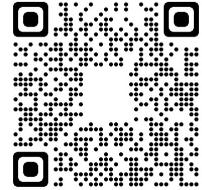
16 Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided. 17 Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” The man replied, “He is a prophet.” 34 To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” 37 Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” 38 Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

“See with Spiritual Vision”

Sermon Notes:

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>.



Prayer of the Church

- M: Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.
- C: **Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**
- M: Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen in us a confidence in your promises and a desire to live according to your will.
- C: **Give us courage to stand each day in your Word, and restore us each day by your grace.**
- M: Guard the members of this congregation. Lead the married to love each other with commitment. Help parents to raise their children in the Lord. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.
- C: **Protect us from the temptations that surround us, and give us pure hearts and minds.**
- M: Extend your healing power to all who are suffering. Comfort all who are in the midst of trial, sickness, or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for their faith and help them hold to the truth. Have mercy on those who care for the sick, and have mercy on those whose death draws near.
- C: **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**
- M: Father, grant us these things for which we ask. For we pray in the name of your only Son, our Lord and Savior.
- C: **Amen.**

Blessing

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

Closing Hymn, CW #835

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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:

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.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed!

We are excited for our Easter morning Egg Hunt and need your help! We are collecting pre-filled plastic Easter eggs to hide for the children. Please fill eggs with non-melting candy or small trinkets (stickers, erasers, tiny toys, etc.). Donations can be dropped off at the church before Easter Sunday. Thank you for helping make this a fun and special event for our kids!

Northdale Lutheran Youth Night! - Wednesday, March 25th @ 6:00pm

Our Youth Night is open to all our member youth grades 5th - 9th. This month we will be working on our amazing *CHOIR* for Palm Sunday, getting hyped for our competitions, and opening God's Word under the theme - "So You Think You're Better!" See you there!

English Classes Informational Meeting – Sunday, March 29 @ 11:30 am

English Improvement Opportunities (English classes) is a service that we will be able to offer here at church to serve our community. It meets a need in our community, builds goodwill, and creates a space where we can interact with our community to build bridges for gospel ministry. We will be starting a "trial run" for about 6 weeks at the end of April. If you would like to hear more about it, please come to the informational meeting after the 10:30 service on March 29!

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! July 20-24

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. For more information, you can go to southatlanticyouth.com.

Serving Today (3/15)

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Guse

Ushers: 8:30 - Koren

10:30 - Syverson

Streaming: Storm

Serving Next Week (3/22)

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Roemhildt

Ushers: 8:30 - Laurin

10:30 - Allan

Streaming: Haring

"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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