



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

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12th, 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 #445

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

First Reading Acts 2:14a,22–32

The disciples, being eyewitnesses of Jesus' resurrection, were emboldened to go out and preach the Gospel. It is with this same confidence the Christian church still preaches today.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵David said about him: ‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Children's Devotion

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

Hymn, CW#460

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3–9

The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of the Christian faith. Only in a living God and Savior, do we place our trust for the salvation of our souls.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hymn, CW #465

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Sermon John 20:19–31

19 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!” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

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

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 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.”

26 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!” 27 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.”

28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

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

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 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.

Too Good Not To Be True!

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

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.

Please Be Seated

Hymn, CW #448

“Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful”

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Announcements:

Congregational Forum TODAY @ 11:30am

Join us next week after late service for a congregational forum as we take a look at updates on ministry, current ministry, and financial updates.

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.

MLC Congregational Grant Program

Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, MN is our pastor/teacher college for our church body. It is a tremendous blessing to have such a college to fully and properly train our future pastors and teachers! MLC has a grant program that allows congregations who have members attending MLC to receive matching gifts for tuition. Every dollar that our Northdale members give for our Northdale member students, those dollars are matched - so a \$20 gift becomes \$40, or a \$100 gift becomes \$200, and so on. If you would like to donate a gift to help our Northdale member students as they prepare for future ministry, please use the offering envelopes on the entryway table. May the Lord continue to send out workers into his harvest field.

Northdale FunFestCommunity outreach and involvement - April 25th, 10am-2pm

Every spring, Northdale Park holds a community event called Northdale Family Fun Festival. It runs from 10 am to 2 pm, and we have secured a booth for our church and school. We will have giveaways and information about us for our community. If you are interested in being a part of this and giving an hour or two of your time to interact with our community, please contact Pastor Satorius to coordinate.

Northdale Lutheran Youth Night

Our end of year gathering will be held on Wednesday April 29th at 6:00pm. It will be a special night as all our youth group and family members are invited to attend for a devotion, pizza, and competition night!!

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 (4/12)

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Roemhildt

Ushers: 8:30 - Schofer

10:30 - Allan

Streaming: Storm

Serving Next Week (4/19)

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Guse

Ushers: 8:30 - Koren

10:30 - Berg

Streaming: Haring

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"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: **Tyler Schoen** as he deliberates his call to teach 5th/6th grade at Northdale Christian Academy, **Seymour Family** as Jaimie is in the final weeks of pregnancy, pray for a healthy birth, **Walter Matthew** for upcoming cancer treatment, **Zarra Elias** a good friend of Angelina Lim - who is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer, **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 Hisson** 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 February 2026 :

Average weekly offering received \$5,686

Average budgeted \$6,020

Year To Date our Offerings are \$15,329 below our Budgeted need.