



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

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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 #867 vs. 1-3

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

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

**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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25

This world is often full of injustice. Peter encourages, when we are faced with suffering and injustice, retaliation is never the answer, but rather in humility we entrust ourselves to the power, grace, and mercy of Christ.

¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

23When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 25For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Hymn, CW#748

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

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: John 10:1-10

In this section, Jesus gives one his "I Am" statements saying, "I AM the gate." Jesus is the only shepherd of our souls, and only in him and through him do we have access to eternal life.

1“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” 6Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

7Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Sermon Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

“Christians Are Churchy”

Sermon Notes:

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

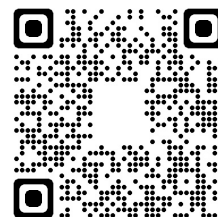
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand 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 #856 vs. 1 & 5

Built on the Rock

**Built on the Rock the Church shall stand even when steeples are falling,
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; bells still are chiming and calling,
calling the young and old to rest, but above all the soul distressed,
longing for rest everlasting.**

**Grant then, O God, your will be done, that, when the church bells are ringing,
many in saving faith may come where Christ his message is bringing:**

“I know my own; my own know me. You, not the world, my face shall see.

My peace leave I with you. Amen.”

Announcements:

Congregational Voters' Meeting TODAY @ 9:30am!

Join us as our voters' assembly seeks to make a substantial principle payment on our loan.

Confirmation Sunday - Next Week!

Next week we will rejoice with this year's confirmands. After studying 2 years in God's Word and learning the doctrines of the Christian faith, our confirmands will be welcomed in the 10:30am service as *Adult Communicant Members* and begin taking communion as part of the body of Christ. Our 8th grade confirmands are: Skyler Allan, Vienna Goldberg, Nolan Mosakowski, and Christa Schebel.

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!

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.

Miss Hardman Farewell

On Sunday May 17th, we will be recognizing Miss Hardman for her many years of service to our Christian Academy before she leaves for her new calling in Wisconsin. There will be a card box available on the entryway table for cards and gifts of our love and support.

Northdale Lutheran Youth Night - This Wednesday 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.

Thank You! Thank You!

We would like to thank all of our volunteers who helped with our Family Fun Fest Church booth yesterday. Your service is greatly appreciated as we shared our ministry with our community.

“God’s Wonder Lab” - Vacation Bible School June 15-19, 2026

Registration is now open for ages 3K (potty trained) through 5th grade who would like to attend VBS from June 15-19, 2026 (9:00am to noon).

Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Plus, you’ll learn all about Jesus our Savior and how He gathers us together! Can’t wait to see you there! To register, <https://northdalelutheran.org/vacation-bible-school/> Your kids won’t want to miss it! Register now!

**We will be having a VBS meeting on Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00pm
for all helpers and volunteers wanting to help.**

ACADEMY NEWS/EVENTS:

Chuck E Cheese

Mark your calendars for our final spirit night of the school year. It will take place at Chuck E. Cheese (14308 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, FL 33618) on Wednesday, May 4, 3:00-9:00 PM. 20% of all event sales will be donated to NCA for our next fundraising project. Participants must mention Northdale Christian Academy when making their purchases for us to get credit. Thank you for your support!

Musical

You are invited to join us for the grades 1-4 musical, "Let's Eat!" on Thursday, May 7 at 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM. Performances will take place in the Northdale Lutheran Church sanctuary.

Spring Program

You are invited to join us for the preschool and kindergarten spring program on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 PM. The program will take place in the Northdale Lutheran Church sanctuary.

Serving Today (4/26)

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Guse

Ushers: 8:30 - Laurin

10:30 - Syverson

Streaming: Storm

Serving Next Week (5/3)

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Roemhildt

Ushers: 8:30 - Raines

10:30 - Berg

Streaming: Haring

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