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

The Ascension of Our Lord

May 17, 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,

Rock of Ages

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.**

**Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**



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

Miss Hardman Recognition of Service

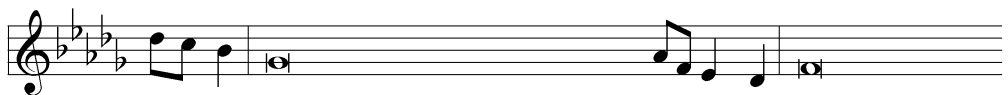
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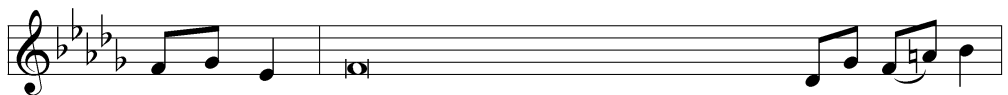
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

The Apostle Paul greatly rejoices over the faith of the Christians living in Ephesus, and encourages them to know more and more of the power of our ascended Lord.

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Sermon Hymn, CW #758

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

Sermon: Acts 1:3,9-11

After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

“Don’t Have a Clouded Vision”

Offering

We give our offerings as our worship, and for the spread of the Gospel around the world. The QR code is given if you would to scan with your phone and donate through online giving.



NCA Graduation

NCA Class of 2026

Psalm 78:4-7

4 We will not hide them from their descendants;

we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.

5 He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors

to teach their children,
6 so the next generation would know them,

even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.

7 Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

Principal's Message
Distribution of Diplomas
Presentation of Graduating Class

Skyler Allan
Michael Chaves
Nolan Mosakowski
Victoria Penalzo
Ethan Reyes
Christa Schebel
Camden Warfield



NCA Anthem, CW #640

God's Word is Our Great Heritage

Please Stand

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

Closing Hymn, CW #539

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

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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:

Pentecost Sunday: Bilingual worship @ 10:30 am

Next week, we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming to the church on Pentecost. The disciples spoke in tongues according to the people who were there. We will be doing the same next week! Join us for bilingual worship at 10:30 next week to celebrate this special day of the church year!

Next Week - Church Fellowship Hour!

On Memorial Weekend, we will be having a church fellowship hour from 9:30am-10:30am in place of Bible Class and Sunday School. Stay after early service / Come before late service and enjoy a time of food and getting to know one another. Playground will be open for the kids. **ALSO, please bring a breakfast dish or snack to pass (something easy) as we enjoy this time together!**

Summer Bible Class - Running Sundays, May 31 - June 28 !

Our Summer Bible Study Series is entitled “**Preach Peter, Preach!**” We are going to be taking a look at 1 Peter and what the apostle says to Christians about being a church and living life in the world around us. There will be no Sunday School during June or July, but all come to Bible Study as it will be for everyone! Bible class will be held at 9:30am between services.

Church / Academy Secretary Position Available!

Ms. Krista Lange will be moving back to Wisconsin in June. We thank her for her service to our church and school over the last year! That being said, we are accepting applications for the now vacant position. If you would like to fill out an application, there are QR code sheets on the entryway table, or please contact Principal Mattes - dane.mattes@northdalelutheran.org

VBS Donations Needed!

If you would like to help with donating VBS snacks. There is a donation list on the entryway table. Just sign your name next to desired donation and follow the instructions! If you would like to make a monetary donation to help cover the cost of our VBS ministry, you can put money/check in an envelope and mark it as “VBS” and place it into the offering plate over the next couple of weeks.

VBS Volunteer Meals Needed

VBS is coming up! Northdale always requests groups from two ministry high schools to come volunteer and help. We always appreciate their help, and that means we need to feed them. We have 8 high school kids coming along with one chaperone. We are looking for lunches and dinners from Monday to Friday (June 15-19) to feed this group. If you can help, a sign-up sheet is in the back. You can mark either that a) you will bring a meal, or b) donate money to cover their meal. (\$70 for lunch, \$100 for dinner)

“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). Join us as we sing songs, do crafts, eat snacks, play 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/> Register now!

June Voters' Meeting

Our June Voters' Meeting will be held **June 14th after the late service**. We will be taking up the matters of membership, Ministry Leadership Team elected positions, and seeking to ratify the 2026-2027 church budget. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

Serving Today (5/17)

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Roemhildt

Ushers: 8:30 - Koren

10:30 - Mosakowski

Streaming: Haring

Serving Next Week (5/24)

Music: 8:30/10:30 - Guse

Ushers: 8:30 - Laurin

10:30 - Syverson

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: **Ryan Ruderson**, who is awaiting news about surgery in the coming weeks, **Don Bublitz**, the brother of our member Shirley Doerr, as he passed away last week and was called home to eternal glory, **Gary Holmen**, the father of Jen Storm, as he started chemotherapy for his lung cancer, **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, **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.