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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT PALM SUNDAY

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.
- ❖ Snacks and drinks are available for everyone after the second service.
- ❖ Help us be more welcoming by signing the guest registers in each row.

Please Note: To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience:

- ❖ A Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship.
- ❖ In the entryway, Busy Bags are provided for all the children during worship. There are coloring books, toys and snacks provided in each of the bags.



WORSHIP THEME

For 1700 years, the Church has celebrated with Hosannas and palm branches this festival which opens Holy Week. The word “hosanna” is a Hebrew word which means, “Lord, Save us!” The crowds cried, “Hosanna”, at Jesus entrance into Jerusalem and this is still the cry of Christians today. The Lord has saved us! Hosanna!

Notes for worship:

- ❖ All hymns from *Christian Worship (CW)* are in the red hymnals in front of you unless printed in this service folder.
- ❖ All hymns from *Christian Worship Supplement (CWS)* are in the blue hymn books on the end of each of the pews.
- ❖ Everything else will be printed in the worship folder.

PASSION SUNDAY

Introduction

The service of **Passion Sunday**, beginning with the procession with palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. “Palm Sunday” is named after the palms which were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, “*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,*” clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the Messianic King. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry, “*Crucify!*” This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. The extended reading from the Passion narrative sets before the people of God all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week—the most important week of the church year.



CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C(ongregation): **And also with you.**

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today, we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry into Jerusalem that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into his Holy City, grant that we may ever hail him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL: MARK 11:1-10

M: The Holy Gospel according to Mark chapter 11.

C: **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

When they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples ² and told them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a young donkey tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here right away.’”

⁴ So they went and found a young donkey outside in the street, tied by a door. They untied it, ⁵ and some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the donkey?” ⁶ They answered them just as Jesus had said, so they let them go. ⁷ Then they brought the donkey to Jesus and threw their robes on it, and He sat on it.

⁸ Many people spread their robes on the road, and others spread leafy branches cut from the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed kept shouting:

Hosanna!

He who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One!

¹⁰ The coming kingdom of our father David is blessed!

Hosanna in the highest heaven .

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

M: Let us go forth in peace,

C: **In the name of the Lord.**

We will have the children of the congregation participate in a palm processional during the singing of the first hymn. All the children of the congregation are invited to gather in the back of the sanctuary to participate in this processional. The procession will go down the left aisle of the sanctuary, across the front, back up the right aisle, and finally down the center aisle. The children will place their palm fronds on the floor of the front steps in the center aisle. They will then return to their parents.

During the procession, the congregation will sing the following hymn:

OPENING HYMN, CW #131, "ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR"



1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 2 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 4 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
 5 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -
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san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael
 san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels
 san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews
 san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion
 san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,



And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the
 Is prais - ing you on high, And we with
 With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and
 They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now
 Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of



Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one.
 all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
 prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
 high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise,
 ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

TEXT: Teodulph of Orleans, c. 762-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 TUNE: VALET WILL ICH DIR CEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635, alt.

PLEASE STAND

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who sent Your Son to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death on the cross that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ in His patience and also have our portion in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO ST. MARK

HYMN, CW #98, "JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW" (vs. 1)

**Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.**

PART ONE: MARK 14:1-26

The plot to kill Jesus, Jesus' anointing at Bethany, preparation for the Passover, and the institution of the Lord's Supper.

Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ²“But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

³While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

⁴Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? ⁵It could have been sold for more than a year’s wage and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

⁶“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷The poor you will always have with you and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

¹²On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹³So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

¹⁶The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me— one who is eating with me.”

¹⁹They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?”

²⁰ “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”

²³Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. ²⁵“Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

HYMN, CW #312, “LORD, JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED” (VS. 1)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood,
And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.**

PART TWO: MARK 14:27-42

Prediction of Peter’s denial and Jesus’ prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane

“You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written:

“ ‘I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.’

²⁸ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

²⁹Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

³⁰ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times.”

³¹But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

³⁵Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶“Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

³⁷Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

³⁹Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

⁴¹Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

HYMN, CW #472, “RISE, MY SOUL, TO WATCH AND PRAY” (VS. 1)

**Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o’ertaken.
For the foe, Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping
While the saints are sleeping.**

PART THREE: MARK 14:43-72

Judas's betrayal, Jesus' arrest, Jesus' trial before the Council, and Peter's denial.

Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

⁴⁴Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶The men seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁴⁷Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁴⁸ "Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." ⁵⁰Then everyone deserted him and fled.

⁵¹A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, ⁵²he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

⁵³They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. ⁵⁴Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

⁵⁵The 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. ⁵⁶Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

⁵⁷Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.'" ⁵⁹Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶¹But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

⁶² "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶³The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. ⁶⁴“You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

They all condemned him as worthy of death. ⁶⁵Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took him and beat him.

⁶⁶While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

“You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said.

⁶⁸But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway.

⁶⁹When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” ⁷⁰Again he denied it.

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”

⁷¹He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”

⁷²Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

HYMN, CW #117, “O DEAREST JESUS” (VS. 3)

**Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit,
This I do merit.**

PART FOUR: MARK 15:1-20

Jesus' trial before Pilate.

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

²“Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

³The chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

⁵But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. ⁷A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. ⁸The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

⁹“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, ¹⁰knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

¹²“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

¹³“Crucify him!” they shouted.

¹⁴“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

¹⁵Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. ¹⁷They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” ¹⁹Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

HYMN, CW #105, "O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED (vs. 1)

**O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded,
With thorns your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory
Now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call you mine.**

PART FIVE: MARK 15:21-41

Jesus' crucifixion and death.

A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.²² They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull").²³ Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.²⁴ And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

²⁵It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The written notice of the charge against him read: the king of the jews.

²⁷They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left.

²⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰come down from the cross and save yourself!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! ³²Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

³³At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

³⁵When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

³⁶Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.

³⁷With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

³⁸The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

⁴⁰Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. ⁴¹In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

HYMN, CW #125, “WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS” (vs. 1 & 3)

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

PART SIX: MARK 15:42-47

Jesus’ burial.

It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

HYMN, CW #105, "O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED" (VS. 5)

**What language shall I borrow
To thank you, dearest Friend,
For this, your dying sorrow,
Your pity without end?
Oh, make me yours forever,
And keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for you.**

SERMON THEME:

This is a Week of Great Expectations!



NORTHDAL E LUTHERAN ADULT CHOIR (10:30 A.M. ONLY)

"SING GLAD HOSANNAS"

THANKSGIVING

PLEASE STAND

THE APOSTLES CREED

(Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word.)

**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.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Please sign the Friendship Register in each of the pews and pass it to those sitting next to you.

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 His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth.

C: We join the first Palm Sunday worshippers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior.

M: Through you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.

C: Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

M: Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord.

C: Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations.

M: Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death and the devil.

C: Move us to dedicate all that we are and have to your glory.

M: Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection.

Special prayers and intercessions.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

C: Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



Be Seated

HYMN. CWS #716, "NO TRAMP OF SOLDIERS' MARCHING FEET"

PLEASE STAND

FINAL PRAYER

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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



BE SEATED

FINAL HYMN CW #133, "RIDE ON, RIDE ON, IN MAJESTY" (VS. 5)

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain
Then take, O Christ, your power and reign**

Copies of today's sermon and last week's sermon can be found on the table in the narthex on the way out of church. You can also find them on our website at www.northdalelutheran.org. In addition, all of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website. We also e-mail out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please e-mail Pastor Vann at pastorvann@tampabay.rr.com and let him know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.



Announcements:

Bible Class: Today we continue our study of Luke's account of Jesus' life in his Gospel in our Sunday Morning Bible Class. We encourage everyone to join us for this. Join us at 9:25 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future: With all the Promise Cards that have been turned in to this point, we are currently at \$318,104 promised over the next three years for our building project! That is spectacular! God is good. Thank you to everyone for their generous support. It is humbling to see the commitment and generosity of God's people. There will still be some more promise cards coming in, so this number may change in the next few weeks. To those who have still not had the opportunity to do so, encouragement is given to return your promise card for ***Building Faith ~ Family ~ Future*** appeal to the box in the entryway. This is a wonderful opportunity to unite together with brothers and sisters of the faith in supporting our building expansion and ministry plans. We invite those who have not returned a card to do so in the coming week. please see Jeff Berg or stop in at the church office. May God continued to bless the important work of our ministries.



How do I give the money I promised to the Building Project? This question has been asked a few times already, so I thought it good to pass along the information. You can do it a couple of different ways. You can use the envelopes that were with the packet you received at the group presentations. You can use the specially marked "Building Fund" envelopes that are part of your regular envelope packed. Or, especially if you are giving a little each week, you can just add that amount to your regular offering and make note of either on your check or on the envelope. For instance, if you normally give \$100 weekly in offering and you promised to add \$25/week for the building fund, you can write a check for \$125 and just note that \$100 is for General offering and \$25 is for the Building Fund. If you have questions about this, please don't hesitate to ask.

Camp South and Amazing Teen Challenge

The South Atlantic District's summer youth camps are now accepting registrations! We are excited to host TWO summer camps in 2017. With the Lord's blessing and your recruitment/encouragement within your ministries, we have set a goal of 750 participants between both camps. How incredible to even consider such a large number of hearts to be touched by God's grace! That will only happen with your focused effort and support. Here are the dates of the upcoming summer camps:

The Amazing Race Teen Challenge—Orlando, FL

June 27-30, 2017

\$355 per participant (Students completing 8th grade thru completing 12th grade)

Visiting Disney's EPCOT Theme Park

Camp South-Soul Survivor—Covington, GA

July 24-28, 2017

\$285 per participant (Students completing 3rd grade thru completing 8th grade)

You can find more information about each event as well as registration forms at www.hopelutheranwpb.com and click on the "Events" tab. Included in those files are: advertising flyer, schedule of the camp and links to the online registration.

We are asking anyone interested to register by April 23rd. When you register, please let Mr. Haring know. We need to send one check in for the entire group. We will also be asking for some monetary assistance from the South Atlantic Youth Ministry Fund. So it is important that you let him know you are planning to go so that we can include you.

Holy Week Worship: Holy Week is almost here. It's good to start making your plans for worship already. Here is our Holy Week Worship schedule:

Maundy Thursday: April 13, 2017. Communion Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: April 14, 2017. Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: April 16, 2017. Worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Easter breakfast (Potluck) starting at 9:15 a.m

Easter Breakfast Sign Up: Easter Sunday is next Sunday! We are making our plans for the Easter morning breakfast in between our worship services that day. If you are planning to attend please use the sign up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall to let us know what you are planning to bring for our Easter Breakfast potluck. This helps us to make sure we have dishes evenly distributed among the different types.

Easter Lily Sign Up: We will once again be purchasing lilies to enhance our celebration on Easter morning. You can take home your lily after the service. So if you are interested in purchasing a lily, you can sign up on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

Called Staff

Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven: 813-850-7520

Principal Mark Thiesfeldt: 941-209-0010

Aimee Hardman: 813-464-5113

Christopher Haring: 517-202-7283

Lynn Marggraf: 262-613-3020

Amy Vannieuwenhoven: 813-850-7520

This Week:

Tuesday (4/11): 5:15pm - Catechism Class
6:30-8:00pm - Bible Information Class

Wednesday (4/12): 5:30pm - School Ministry Board

Thursday (4/13): 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday (4/14): 7:00pm - Good Friday Worship

Sunday (4/16): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship
9:15am – Easter Breakfast
9:45am - Kids Egg Hunt
11:30am - Fellowship

Serving Today

Music: Mark Thiesfeldt
Ushers: 8:00—Mike Phillips
10:30—Keith Moore/Charlie Jacobs
Acolyte: 8:00—Mary Sawyer
10:30—Mateo Amaya
Hostess: Jessica Kingsborough Team
Elder: Chris Teeples

Serving Next Week

Music: Mark Thiesfeldt
Ushers: 8:00—Mike Phillips
10:30—Keith Moore/Charlie Jacobs
Acolyte: 8:00—Julia Busch
10:30—Sara Ashley
Hostess: Jessica Kingsborough Team
Elder: Chris Teeples

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.—30
10:30 a.m.—84
Total: 114
Yearly Average: 110
% of Members in Worship: 53%

Mid-Week Wednesday Attendance

2:00 p.m.—74
7:00 p.m.—12
Total:—86

Financial Information

Contributions for 4/2: \$3,166.02

Contributions for 4/5: \$399.32

Contributions budgeted: \$4,884.61

Contributions budgeted to date: \$195,384.40

Contributions received to date: \$158,315.80

Ahead or (Short) through 4/5/17: (\$36,068.60)

2016-2017 Year to Date Actuals Through February 28

Total Income (Church and School): \$356,661.08

Total Expenses (Church and School): \$378,207.17

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$21,546.09)