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

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

True, spiritual wealth can only be found in God and his eternal blessings for us in Christ.

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN, *CW #290, "ONE THING'S NEEDFUL"*

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)

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 OF SINS

M: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve eternal punishment. Because of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

ABSOLUTION

(The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" [The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?]. See John 20:21-23.)

M: Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to you; and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Sing, *CW #372, "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (Vs. 1,3)*

**I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine.
His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: I KINGS 3:5-12

What would you have asked for? Would you pick temporal blessings or eternal ones? God doesn't ask us to forgo all earthly treasure. He just doesn't want us to value them more than the spiritual treasure we have in Jesus.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

*The Word of God

"The reading of the Lessons is a highlight of a service. The spiritually hungry have come to be fed and nurtured and to drink from the waters of life. Knowing that 'faith comes from hearing the message,' God's people listen intently with attention aroused to be blessed by the hearing of God's Word." Christian Worship Manual

PSALM OF THE DAY, PSALM 119B

Refrain

Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone

KX : KX

Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;*
then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law*
and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,*
for there I find delight.

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;*
preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,*
so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts!*
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 13:44-52

Jesus teaches us to seek spiritual wealth. He reminds us that we have found true spiritual wealth in Christ.

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵²He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN, CW #469, “TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE”

SERMON TEXT: ROMANS 8:28-30

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

SERMON THEME:

See the Good in All Things



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.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you search all hearts and know all thoughts; your eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. Grant us now, as we approach the throne of your grace, true humility and repentance.

C: Remember not the sins of our youth nor our transgressions, but because of Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, pardon our iniquity.

M: By the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, save us from lusting after evil things, from unbelief, or other great and shameful sins.

C: Provide for your Church pastors and teachers who lead your flock to the spiritual Rock, Jesus Christ, that your people may drink the pure water of eternal life.

M: Guard and defend our homes that parents may be kept in the bonds of love and rule their children well, nourishing them in truth and righteousness. We pray for all who may be ill in body, mind or spirit, for all who may be in danger, for all who may be in anxiety or perplexity, for all who may be suffering some keen disappointment or defeat:

C: be present with them in their affliction, show them the way out of all their troubles, and save them for your mercy's sake.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

M: Heavenly Father, you did not spare your own Son but freely gave him up for us all.

C: Mercifully grant these and all other acceptable petitions which you read in our hearts in the name of Jesus. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN, CW #477, "WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME"

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 #319, "ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE"

WELS CONNECTION

The WELS Connection is a brief 5 minute video that highlights some of the work in which we are privileged to participate through our Wisconsin Synod. The ministries that are highlighted in this video are funded through our Congregational Mission Offerings. Please take note of the "WELS Connection Close-up" companion piece in your worship folder for additional information.

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 pastor@northdalelutheran.org and let him know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.



Announcements:

Bible Class: We continue our Sunday morning Bible Study on the books of 1, 2 and 3 John. This study is a great look into the love of God that helps God's people stand firm against the attacks of Satan and the false teachings that daily surround us. We meet in between worship services in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9:25. We'd love to have you join us.

Next Bible Information Class: Pastor Vann will be starting up the next Bible Information Class on Tuesday, September 4. The class will meet for 13 weeks from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This class is required for anyone who wishes to become a communicant member. This is a great review of the foundational truths of God's Word for those who are many years removed from Catechism Class. It is also a great way to invite a friend or neighbor to learn more about what the Bible says. If you are interested in attending this class or if you know of someone who is, just let Pastor Vann know.

Catechism Classes: It is that time of year for Catechism classes to start up again. At Northdale Lutheran, Catechism instruction is for all students in 6-8th grade and is required for a young person to be confirmed and become a communicant member of our congregation. Those students who attend our Lutheran School receive their instruction during the school day. For all those children who do not attend our school, Catechism will be offered on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. These classes will begin on Wednesday, August 22. If your child will be attending this class, please speak to Pastor Vann to let him know so that he knows how many books to order for the class.

School Orientation Night and Beginning of School: The school year will officially begin at 8:00am on Monday, August 13th. Parents are invited to walk their child to his/her classroom and join us for our opening service. A school year opening service will be held at 8:15am in the church for the student body and parents. Orientation night will be on Friday, August 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Installation Service: We will be installing our new principal, Dane Mattes, into his office on Sunday, August 12 in out 10:30 a.m. service. We will also be commissioning our staff for the new year before them in the same service. We are excited about the year before us and the opportunity to serve the students in our care.

Principal Moving Fund: We are still raising money to help cover the costs of moving the Mattes family to Tampa. This money was not budgeted as part of our yearly budget which was approved for this fiscal year. To date, we have raised \$7,345 toward this goal. We thank those who have donated already and ask for everyone else to join us in this effort. You can either donate by writing a separate check and putting "Principal Moving Fund" on the check and putting it in the offering plate. You can also give online using the "Principal Moving Fund" category. Thank you for your help in meeting this need.

Called Staff

Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven: 813-787-4854

Principal Dane Mattes: 920-588-7599

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Lynn Marggraf: 262-613-3020

Amy Vannieuwenhoven: 813-787-5025

This Week:

Monday (7/30): 6:30pm - Ministry Leadership Team

Sunday (8/5): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship
9:15am – Teen Bible Study
9:25am – Adult Bible Study
11:30am - Fellowship

Serving Today

Music: Tabitha Vannieuwenhoven

Ushers: 8:00—Ruben/Mateo Gaviria
10:30 —Chris Haring/Charlie Jacobs

Acolyte: 8:00—Mateo Amaya
10:30—Grace Mosakowski

Hostess: Senior Winners

Elder: Chris Teeples

Serving Next Week

Music: Dane Mattes

Ushers: 8:00—Ruben/Mateo Gaviria
10:30 —Chris Haring/Charlie Jacobs

Acolyte: 8:00—Daniel Busch
10:30—Aryssa Kingsborough

Hostess: Amy Vann

Elder: Chris Teeples

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.—23

10:30 a.m.—113

Total: 137

Yearly Average: 115

% of Members in Worship: 51%

Financial Information

Contributions for 7/22/18: \$2,847.00

Online Contributions for 7/22/18: \$2,295.00

Contributions budgeted per week: \$4,423.08

Contributions budgeted to date: \$17,692.32

Contributions received to date: \$13,643.75

Ahead or (Short) through 7/22/18: (\$4,048.57)

2017-2018 Year to Date Actuals Through May 31

Total Income (Church and School): \$578,873.31

Total Expenses (Church and School): \$538,431.08

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: \$40,442.23

KIDS PAGE

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." Matthew 13:44 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 13:44 (NIV)

Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

Z T K I N G D O M X S R A X T
P J R Z U Q X H L P P N K M Z
N U A P L I F X Q O X T G B X
L X S A M F I Q N V T Z A Q P
U W P R A S E W G N R T K X R
P O W A Z V L T G N E O A W O
X D I B U Z D E N U A K V O B
A N E L W A H O E A S Z B W R
T O Z E G T C E A U U Z B D P
B O M O P W C M A H R T Z V Y
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