



  
**Northdale**  
*Lutheran*  
CHURCH & SCHOOL

**NORTHDALÉ LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**TAMPA, FL**  
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# Northdale Lutheran Church and School

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

## THE ELEVENTH 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**

The meaning of life cannot be found in the abundance of earthly possessions but in the abundance of heavenly blessings. Everything the world seeks and offers is meaningless. The believer sets his/her heart on the treasure found in the fullness of 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 #477, "WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME"**

*PLEASE STAND*

### **INVOCATION**

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

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **CONFESSION**

**M:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C:** **Who made heaven and earth.**

**M:** I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C:** **And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

**M:** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and action. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**C:** O, most merciful God, since you have given your one and only Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness for all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, to the end, that by your grace, we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**M:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name, he gives power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord to us all.

With joy in our hearts, let us praise the Lord.

**C:** Sing CW #304, vs 4, 6, 7

**Come, O sinners, one and all, Come, accept his invitation.  
Come, obey his gracious call; Come and take his free salvation!  
Firmly in these words believe—Jesus sinners does receive.**

**Oh, how blest is it to know, Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion,  
For these words I do believe—Jesus sinners does receive.**

**Jesus sinners does receive. Even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave—Jesus sinners does receive.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 FIRST LESSON: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 2:18-26

*The teacher, King Solomon, had more riches and worldly pleasure than we can comprehend, but experience had taught him that they are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. True wealth, true value, true satisfaction only comes from the hand of God. If one seeks to find meaning in life, search no further and the wisdom and knowledge of God.*

“Meaningless! Meaningless!”

says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless!

Everything is meaningless.”

<sup>18</sup>I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. <sup>19</sup>And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. <sup>20</sup>So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. <sup>21</sup>For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. <sup>22</sup>What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? <sup>23</sup>All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

<sup>24</sup>A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

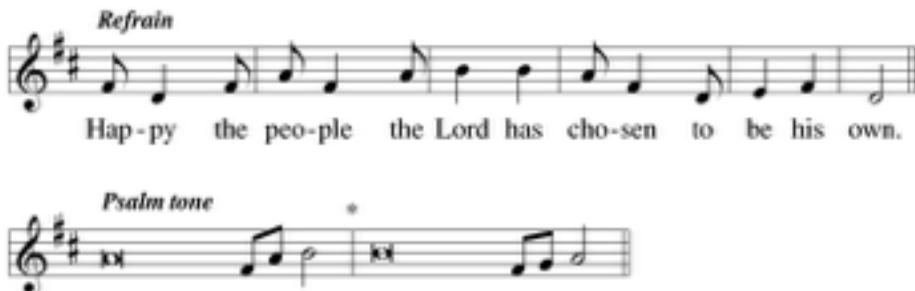
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### \*The Word of God

*“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.”*

PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 34*

*Our confidence comes from the Lord.*



**Refrain**

Taste and see that the LORD is good;\*  
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous\*  
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,\*  
and he delivers them.

**Refrain**

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;\*  
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted\*  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;\*  
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**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**

## THE SECOND LESSON: JAMES 5:1-11

*Earthly wealth is meaningless. By contrast, the life of faith is lived in joyful thanksgiving for both the temporal and eternal blessings that come from above. by faith, this, then, is being rich towards God—a life of thanksgiving for all that he has given us through Jesus.*

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. <sup>2</sup>Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. <sup>4</sup>Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup>You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. <sup>9</sup>Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

<sup>10</sup>Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

**SERMON HYMN, CW #466, "THOUGH THOUGHTLESS THOUSANDS CHOOSE"**

## SERMON TEXT: LUKE 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?”

<sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

<sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” ’

<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

<sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

## SERMON THEME:

### *Invest in Eternity*



# THANKSGIVING

*PLEASE STAND*

## THE 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.**

*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*

OFFERING HYMN, CW #488, "SAVIOR, THY DYING LOVE" (vs. 1 and 4)



1 Sav - ior, thy dy - ing love Thou gav - est me;  
2 O'er the blest mer - cy seat, Plead - ing for me,  
3 Give me a faith - ful heart, Like - ness to thee,  
4 All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,



Nor should I aught with - hold, Dear Lord, from thee.  
My fee - ble faith looks up, Je - sus, to thee.  
That each de - part - ing day Hence - forth may see  
In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for thee!



In love my soul would bow, My heart ful - fill its vow,  
Help me the cross to bear, Thy won - drous love de - clare,  
Some work of love be - gun, Some deed of kind - ness done,  
And when thy face I see, My ran - somed soul shall be



Some of - f'ring bring thee now, Some - thing for thee.  
Some song to raise or prayer, Some - thing for thee.  
Some wan - d'r'er sought and won, Some - thing for thee.  
Through all e - ter - ni - ty Some - thing for thee.

Text: Sylvanus D. Phelps, 1816-95.

Tune: WINTERTON (64 64 6664) Joseph Barnby, 1838-96.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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 # 489, "LORD, YOU LOVE THE CHEERFUL GIVER"**

*PLEASE STAND*

## **FINAL PRAYER**

**M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

## **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

**C:** Amen

*BE SEATED*

**FINAL HYMN, CW #324, "ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST"**

## **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. Our 10:30 a.m. service is 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](mailto:pastorvann@tampabay.rr.com) and let him know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.*



## Announcements

**Bible Class:** We are bringing to a close our study of the book of Revelation in our Sunday Morning Bible Study. When we finish this book, we will begin our study of Luke's account of Jesus' life in his Gospel. We encourage everyone to join us for this. Join us at 9:25 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Bible Information Class:** Pastor Vann will be starting a new Bible Information Class on Tuesday, August 23. This is a great class for anyone who wants to learn more about what our church teaches or wants to review these basic teachings that you learned long ago in Catechism class. Class will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. each Tuesday for 13 weeks. A great way to introduce friends or family to our congregation is to offer to join them as they go through the class. If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Vann for further information.

**Congregational Meeting:** The next congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, August 28 after the second service. We will be discussing some very important information at this meeting. The Ministry Leadership Team will be presenting the budget for 2016-2017 for the congregation's approval. We will also be deciding a direction to go with our building project and raising funds for that project. More information will be coming out prior to this meeting. We encourage everyone to put this on their calendar and join us for this meeting.

**School Starts:** We are just a few weeks away from school starting. Our official first day of school is August 15. We will begin the year with an opening service at 8:05 a.m.. All of our members are welcome to join us for this service as we thank God for the gift of our school which he has given to us both for our members and for us to reach out into our community and to ask God's blessings on the coming year.

**Life of Martin Luther Study:** The Life of Martin Luther study will resume once we get into August. We will resume meeting on Thursday, August 4. We are nearing the end of our study. After we are finished, we will begin our study of the book of Exodus. Our Thursday night group meets every Thursday starting at 6:30 p.m.

**School Orientation:** Orientation for the families attending Northdale Lutheran School will be August 1 starting at 6:30 p.m.

**Bible Information Class:** Pastor Vann will be starting the next Bible Information Class on Tuesday, August 23. 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 Class:** 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 is offered on Tuesdays from 5:15 until 6:15 p.m. These classes will begin on Tuesday, August 23. 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.

### **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

### **This Week:**

Monday (8/1): 6:30pm - School Orientation

Tuesday (8/2): 6:30-8:00pm - Tuesday Night Canvass

Thursday (8/4): 6:30pm - Life of Martin Luther Study

Sunday (8/7): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship

9:15am – Teen Bible Study and Sunday School for Children

9:25am – Adult Bible Study

11:30am - Fellowship

**Serving Today**

Music: Kristin Nelson

Ushers: 8:00—Bill Montgomery  
10:30 — Todd/Tammie Loescher

Acolyte: 8:00—Mary Sawyer  
10:30—Rebecca Radcliff

Hostess: Pam Nuss

Elder: Chris Teeples

**Serving Next Week**

Music: Mark Thiesfeldt

Ushers: 8:00—Bill Montgomery  
10:30 —Todd/Tammie Loescher

Acolyte: 8:00—Julia Busch  
10:30—Elyse Vannieuwenhoven

Hostess: Amy Vannieuwenhoven

Elder: Chris Teeples

**Attendance Last Week**

8:00 a.m.—15

10:30 a.m.—110

Total: 125

Yearly Average: 114

% of Members in Worship: 51%

**Financial Information**

Contributions for 7/24: \$5,119.30

Contributions budgeted: \$3,846.15

Contributions budgeted to date: \$15,384.60

Contributions received to date: \$13,623.16

Ahead or (Short) through 7/24/16: (\$1,761.44)

**2015-2016 Year to Date Actuals Through June 30 (The end of the Fiscal Year)**

Total Income (Church and School): \$517,702.03

Total Expenses (Church and School): \$560,350.15

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$42,648.12)

