

Pastor Matt Schlake-Kruse

Pastor Matt Schlake-Kruse began serving as Adoration's Pastor in March 2021. He has served in ministry on Milwaukee's East Side, rural Wisconsin, and Suburban Milwaukee.

Pastor Matt felt called to ministry at an early age in Southwestern Minnesota and has always loved church and church music. He majored in religion and economics at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he developed his love for the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and the books of 1 and 2 Samuel.

Pastor Matt loves teaching and learning about the bible, listening and hearing faith stories, stewardship, preaching, and helping people find new meaning in what it means to be Lutheran Christians. He serves as the Greater Milwaukee Synod Secretary and works with congregational constitutions; he has also been a part of the Campus Ministry Board, Bishop's Election Committee, and Synod Assembly Planning Teams.

Pastor Matt is married to Delaney Schlake-Kruse, who serves as Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran on Milwaukee's West Side; they enjoy Milwaukee's diverse food scene, taking advantage of county park trails, cooking, golf, and board games. Pastor Matt is a devoted player of the New York Times Crossword Puzzle and enjoys reading nonfiction, microhistories, and periodicals.