



If you are worshipping with us for the first time, welcome!

Our worship service follows a basic order: We gather and center ourselves with song, praise, and prayer. We hear God's Word, from scripture and through preaching and hymns. We celebrate Christ's holy meal, where we are assured of God's love for us, and we are sent by God's spirit back out into the world, fed and forgiven.

If you'd like to learn more about Adoration, please sign the guest register by the entrance doors and introduce yourself to our Pastor, Matt Schlake-Kruse!

Introduction to the Day
The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Today's worship service uses the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, found in the pews.

Prelude

Barbara Regent

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Chimes

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

You are invited to stand.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life.

Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.”

⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations. Jeremiah's call story fits a biblical pattern by which the prophet-to-be (like Moses) reluctantly tells God they don't believe they have what it takes to be the mouthpiece for God's word of judgment and hope.

Today's appointed psalm is connected with the womb imagery of Jeremiah in our first lesson. Attributed to David, the excerpt of Psalm 71 we recite today is a part of a larger reflection many believe comes from a person looking back on a long-lived, complex life. Psalms scholar James Limburg calls Psalm 71 a "Psalm of Trust." When combined with Psalms 131 and 23, they show God's faithfulness through all the stages of our lives.

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ. This lesson is one of the most popular scripture passages for weddings, focusing on the love shared by a couple. However, the love described in these verses is also speaking about the eternal, mysterious, and transforming power of God's love.

Psalm 71:1-6 (Read Responsively)

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked— from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength. My praise shall be always of you.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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Young people are invited forward for an age-specific reflection.

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders. The story of Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath is found in 1 Kings 17; the epic story of Naaman the Syrian appears in 2 Kings 5.

The text of our second reading is paraphrased in this hymn, set to a Scottish folktune (The Water is Wide). This tune, also known as O Waly Waly may also have connections to Scottish settlers in early Appalachia, and was made popular in folk, classical, and other hymn settings.

Children's Time

You are invited to stand.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue ELW #644*

Please pray for members and friends of our community who have asked for prayer:

Joyce and Don Weinert, as Don continues in hospice care; Betty Wing, Joani Bettin, Darlene Witkowiak, Bob Bauer, health care workers and all impacted by the pandemic.

We give thanks for the healing and recovery of many friends and family recovering from recent COVID cases.

We continue to pray for Keith (Sandy Eigner's brother-in-law); Bill (friend of the Lazaris family); Jeremy (nephew of Tom Nowakowski); Karen (Sandy Ringwall's sister); Susan (daughter of Darlene Witkowiak); Caroline (daughter of Jill Lindberg); Scott and Debbie (family of Margaret Duris); Jerry Pritcher (friend of Crystal Januchowski); Shelby (friend of Crystal); and the Daniels family, specifically Taylor.

*We lift up our local ministry partners, including **Ascension Food Pantry, Street Angels, Divine Intervention, Habitat for Humanity, and Elm Dale School.***

We continue to pray for: For residents of Tonga, following the devastating volcanic eruption, and for all areas feeling effects of the event; for an end to violence in our communities; for unity in the body of Christ in seeking health, hope, and wholeness in our world at the end of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity; for health and stamina for nurses, doctors, emergency room, and hospital staff.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us.

God of grace, receive our prayer.

Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation.

God of grace, receive our prayer.

You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who

***All are welcome at
Christ's table, and at
Adoration!***

*Jesus himself welcomes all
to the Lord's Supper.*

*Here at Adoration, we
practice "Open
Communion," which
means we welcome
anyone to receive bread
and wine, Christ's body
and blood, the grace-filled
gift of God. Jesus loves
everyone and welcomes
everyone to his table of
grace and peace.*

*Children are welcome to
come forward, either to
receive a blessing or to
receive Holy Communion.*

assist them. Bless and guide the work of Lutheran Social Services resettling Afghan refugees in our communities.

God of grace, receive our prayer.

Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit, especially those we name before you now.

God of grace, receive our prayer.

Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity.

God of grace, receive our prayer.

We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Comfort those who wait in the dimness of grief and mourning. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never-ending love.

God of grace, receive our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Preparation Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.

Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the
nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

“The Eucharistic Prayer is both ancient in form and diverse in content.” When used, the whole text is a Trinitarian prayer addressed to God the Father in which we remember with joy and thanksgiving what Jesus Christ has accomplished for us through the Holy Spirit. Though the pastor may have the speaking part, they are in prayer with and on behalf of the whole community. So, the Eucharistic Prayer is the prayer of the whole assembly; it is your prayer and mine.” -H.A. Hall

Words of Institution

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Communion

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son,
Jesus Christ. Amen**

*We come forward to receive
the elements today.*

*Bring your offering and
place it in the basket near
the baptismal font.*

*Please receive the elements
and take them back to your
pew before eating and
drinking.*

*Refuse may be placed in the
baskets as you depart
worship.*

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Sue Szemborski

Ushers: George & Gloria
Becker

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig

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Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Glorious Things of You are Spoken”

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Adoration is a Reconciling in Christ congregation, open and affirming to people of “all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions” or “LGBTQIA+.”

We strive that this can be a safe church space, especially for those who have been harmed by religion.

