



Welcome to Worship at Adoration! If you're visiting with us or new to our congregation, please introduce yourself to Pastor Matt. We are glad you're here!

In the season of Easter, we will flip the order of our bible passages and hear sermons on the readings appointed from the Book of Revelation.

The book of Revelation, written sometime in the late first century, applied traditional Jewish apocalyptic imagery to the situation of the early Christian church at a time when the Roman Empire commanded that emperors be worshiped as divine. Apocalyptic visions predict a cataclysmic final battle at which God will finally overcome evil. These visions are tied to "John," which means "beloved of God," and may be invoking the authority of the John in the original Jesus movement. The seven spirits are angels that oversee the seven churches to which the Revelation is addressed.

The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Festival Worship

Today's worship service uses our red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Prelude

Barbara Regent

Welcome and Announcements

The Ringing of the Chimes

Gathering

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

You are invited to stand.

Kyrie

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

We are baptized once, but every Sunday, we are reminded of our baptism. In the season of Easter, where we celebrate God's "Yes" to life and the power of resurrection, we begin our worship with the Thanksgiving for Baptism, a reminder of God's many saving works using water's creative power and the work of the Holy Spirit. We use this special baptism thanksgiving prayer crafted for use amid the war and tragedy of the invasion of Ukraine.



Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, joined to Christ and to one another in the waters our of baptism, we yet call to mind a world so filled with suffering—from war and violence, Covid and hunger, homelessness and prejudice, national disaster and personal loss.

We who are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we plead for the Spirit to strengthen us by the mystery of Christ's resurrection.

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water is poured into the font

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.

You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Alleluia! Amen

Gathering Hymn *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*
ELW #389

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.

Canticle of Praise *This is the Feast (ELW Setting 8)*

The Resurrection of Our Lord begins the season of Easter—a time of praise and celebration as we give thanks for our Lord’s triumph over sin and death. Throughout these Great 50 Days, we sing “This is the Feast,” filled with imagery and quotations from the Book of Revelation



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
 peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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The appointed first lesson from Acts 5:27-32 is not read today. We share in reading the praises of Psalm 150, the last psalm among the collection in the Hebrew bible. Psalm 150's song of praise is accompanied by many musical instruments, and may reference the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, and drum of Nebuchadnezzar's court (Daniel 15) now praising the risen Christ.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God, our strength and our song, the messages of our world drive us to hide in fear. But You, the Alpha and the Omega, have stood with us from the beginning, stand with us now, and will remain with us to the end.

You, O God, are our faithful witness and guide. Where there is hurt, you proclaim forgiveness. Where there is doubt, you sow belief. Where there is fear, you cultivate peace.

Break down the barriers we build so that our lives may be a sign of Your love, grace, and mercy to all those we encounter. Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

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

First Reading: Psalm 150

Let us read Psalm 150 responsively.

“A psalm of praise. Praise to God in every place, at every time. Praise to God for every thing, in every way. Let all creation sing praise.”

Hallelujah! Praise! Praise God in the temple, in the highest heavens.

Praise! Praise God's mighty deeds and noble majesty.

Praise! Praise God with trumpet blasts, with lute and harp.

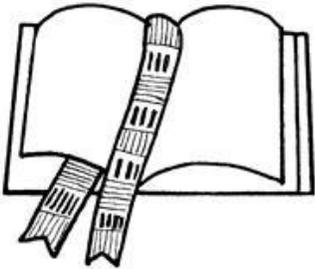
Praise! Praise God with timbrel and dance, with strings and pipes.

Praise! Praise God with crashing cymbals; with ringing cymbals.

All that is alive, praise! Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.” In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.



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

Second Lesson: John 20:19-31

A reading from the Gospel of John.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Time



The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

The seven spirits are angels that oversee the seven churches to which the Revelation is addressed.

After a standard letter introduction, the excerpt includes an early creedal description of Jesus Christ, who reigns over the whole earth as ruler of the earth's kings—thus also of the Roman emperor. God is almighty in past, present, and future, a designation later useful in trinitarian theology. The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega, suggest God as both the beginning and the end of all things.

You are invited to stand.

Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Preaching Scripture: Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from The Revelation to John, the first chapter.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

ELW #634 **Verses 1, 2, 3, & 6**

The Nicene Creed was first spoken in worship during services of Holy Communion. Today the Church reserves this confession of faith for festival days and seasons such as Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, and Ascension.



You are invited to stand.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In this season of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

After each petition is read, name your specific prayers for the petition aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. We pray for the church.

Add your prayers for its leaders, mission, and unity.

Let us pray...

We hold the following people in our prayers:

Ruth Bauer

Kathy Imp

John Imp

Lindsay Pelaez (niece of the Schmidt family)

Akasha (Great-granddaughter of Joyce Weinert)

Mary Binter Robinette (friend of the Regents)

We continue to pray for strength and recovery for:

Dick Voegeli

Dick Kaquatosh

Jan Rinderle

Pat (Cousin of Donna

Babilius)

Betty Wing

Joani Bettin

Joyce Weinert

Bob Bauer

We keep in our prayers:

Keith (Sandy Eigner's brother-in-law)

Susan (Darlene Witkowiak's brother)

Jeremy (nephew to Tom Nowakowski)

Bill (Friend of the Lazaris family)

Karen (Sandy Ringwall's sister)

Caroline (Jill Lindberg's daughter)

Scott & Debbie (family of Margaret Duris)

Shelby and the Taylor Daniels Family (friends of Crystal Januchowski)

We pray for those grieving the death of loved ones:

George Becker, grieving the death of his sister, Geraldine

Excite and inspire us to share your abundant life.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sustaining God, the earth abounds with signs of new life.

We pray for creation.

Name your prayers for the planet and all living things.

Nourish us so we can restore your awe-inspiring Creation.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sheltering Spirit, you enter into locked rooms and places filled with fear. We pray for the world: its nations and peoples.

Name your prayers for countries and conflicts and peoples.

Empower us to accompany all in turmoil throughout the world.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those who suffer in any way.

Name your prayers for healing and wholeness

Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. We pray for this community of faith.

Name your prayers for Adoration and our partners and the wider community.

Fill us with sense of joy and wonder in exploring new paths of discipleship. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. We pray for all the faithful witnesses who now rest in you.

Name those who have recently died and those grieving.

Plant the seeds of resurrection in the soil of our grief-filled hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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



Offering

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to stand.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb
to feed together in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Proper 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Present in worship as early as the fourth century, words of the Sanctus combine Isaiah's vision of God in the Old Testament and words of the Palm Sunday crowds: "Hosanna!"—meaning "Save us, we beg!" Today God saves us and makes us God's people forever in the good news of Jesus' resurrection.



Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
 In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross,
 we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our
 body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for
 this earth.

Words of Institution

Epiklesis (*Come, Holy Spirit*)

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

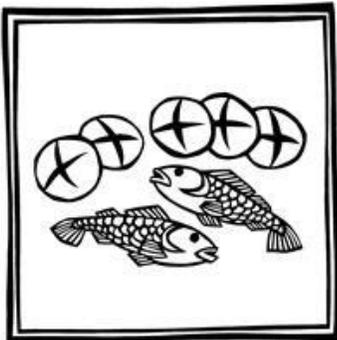
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you
 embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of
 the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body
 and blood of Christ.

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

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

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.



Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen. **Amen, and amen.**

The 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

Lamb of God

Please wait to come forward for Holy Communion until we have completed singing the "Lamb of God."

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

We come forward to share in Holy Communion today. Please place used cups in the baskets on the end of the front pews.

You may choose to receive a wafer and a poured cup of wine or juice or a pre-sealed packet containing both a wafer and juice.

Gluten-free wafers available by indicating your need to the server. All are welcome to come forth and receive a blessing.



Our Earth Day Litany is part of worship throughout the ELCA today through Lutherans Restoring Creation, a grassroots movement promoting care for creation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. LRC aims to cultivate a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God's promise of hope and healing for all. Learn more at www.LutheransRestoringCreation.org

Communion

Hymn During Communion

In the Singing

ELW #466 (instrumental only)

You are invited to stand.

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen

Sending

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

A Litany and Prayer for Earth Day

O God, you have claimed us in baptism through the waters of Creation.

We join the Atlantic and Pacific, the Great Lakes and the Caribbean, in giving you thanks and praise.

O God, you have called us to live in unity and love with our neighbors:

We join in praise with all creatures that walk, crawl, slither, fly, or swim.

O God, you nourish the earth with water and snow, and till the soil with frost and thaw.

We come before you to be cultivated by your Word.

O God, the planets and solar systems and galaxies belong to you:

We come before you with great humility, amazed that you are mindful even of us.

Let us pray. Source of All, throughout your good creation we hear resurrection: percussive spring rains; the hymnody of birds; silent explosions of bursting buds. Yet we also see your wounded hands in the destruction and misuse of land, air, and water.

Today's Lay Leaders

*Lector: Jeanette
Nowakowski*

*Ushers: Deanna & Sue
Szemborski*

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig

*Flowers Gifted in
Celebration of Tom &
Matt Hodgson and
Dan Bice's Birthdays*



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Open our hearts with renewed awe for the splendor that unfolds around us and renewed compassion for your cries for help. Calm our fears and fill us with your peace, that we, too, might become your risen body, overflowing with grace to transform and renew your good creation. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Blessing

Hear these words of God's blessing and receive their power:

God the Father, in wondrous mystery, daily sustains the whole earth. God the Son accompanies us through death and promises us new life. God the Spirit empowers us to turn our Easter joy into service for others.

God, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*
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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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