



*Welcome to Worship at Adoration! If you're visiting with us or new to our congregation, please sign the welcome book at the entrance to the church. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Matt. We'd love to share more about our faith community with you.*

*Our worship in June and July will use global hymns as the Hymn of Praise, Alleluia, Holy, Holy and Lamb of God. Also in these months, we will use the appointed psalm as our call to worship.*

*Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."*

## *Worship with Holy Communion Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Today's worship service uses *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* the red hymnal in your pew.

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Gathering**

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

*You are invited to stand.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**We bring to you, O Christ,**

**the weathered fragments of our former dreams;**

**the broken pieces of our expectations;**

**the torn patches of hopes worn thin,**

**the shards of the shattered image of life as we expected.**

**We need your healing, merciful God:**

**Put these pieces, broken by Sin, back together.**

**Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot**

**face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us;**

**set us free to serve you. Set us again on the path of life. Set us**

**free to love our neighbors. Amen.**

O Children of God, be comforted!

God does not deal with us according to our sins, but delights in granting pardon and mercy. Christ has the fragments gathered up and binds up the brokenhearted.

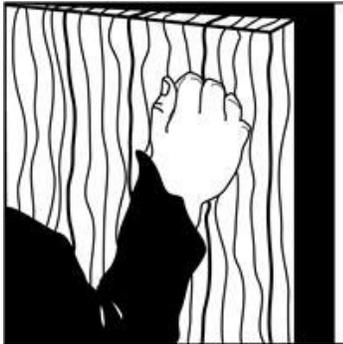
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

### **Gathering Song**

*Jesus Loves Me ELW #595*

*Psalm 138 forms our call to worship. A psalm of Praise and Thanksgiving, this psalm's praise encompasses the whole of life—joy and struggle. As Dennis Tucker Jr. reflects, "The point, however, is not what God did, it is that God did; it is that God moved in response to the psalmist's cry and God answered. God's willingness to answer serves as the ground of our hope. It is the very thing that strengthens our souls."*



### **Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 138)**

Lord, take up my cause. Your love lasts forever.

I thank you with all I am.

**Do not abandon what your hands have made.**

**I join heaven's chorus, bowing toward your holy temple, praising your name.**

By your love and fidelity—displayed to all—you reveal the glory of your name.

**As soon as I call, you act—renewing my strength; Though high up, you see the lowly.**

**You reach out your hand—your right hand saves.**

Around the world, rulers praise you, singing of your ways: "Great is your glory, Lord."

**You alone, O God, give strength and protection.**

### **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.**

**Hymn of Praise**      *O Sing to the Lord*      **ELW #822**

### **Prayer of the Day**

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

Let us pray.

**God of mercy and might, you hear the persistent prayers of your people.**

**Look not upon our shortcomings and wrongdoing, but graciously answer us when we plead with you for all that we need. May your will be done on earth as in heaven, today and everyday. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### **Word**

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

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*



*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

## **First Lesson: Genesis 18:17-32**

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

<sup>17</sup>The Lord said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup>seeing that Abraham shall become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>No, for I have chosen him, that he may charge his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice; so that the Lord may bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.' <sup>20</sup>Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

## **Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]**

A reading from the letter to the Church in Colossae:

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in



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

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*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

<sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

<sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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## Children's Time

*You are invited to stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation      Celtic Alleluia      ELW#174**

## Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>Now <sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.



<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>”So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** *What a Friend we Have in Jesus*

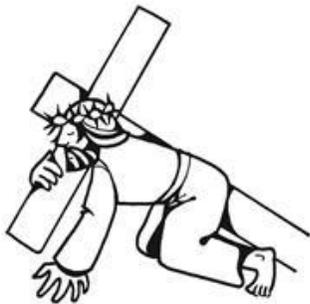
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*You are invited to stand.*

### **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.**



***We pray for those in need:***

Joani Bettin;  
 Dale (friend of Bob & Sandy Young)  
 Pat Koch;  
 Mary Anne Markiewicz;  
 Betty Wing;  
 John & Kathy Imp;  
 Jim (brother of Bill);  
 Marilyn (sister of Kathy Wakefield);  
 Amy & Family (friends of Kathy Wakefield);  
 Jackie (niece of Jan Rinderle);  
 Paula Januchowski (family of Crystal Januchowski);

***We continue to pray for strength and recovery for:***

Ruth & Bob Bauer;  
 Perry Buck;  
 Pat (Cousin of Donna Babilus);  
 Mary Binter Robinette (friend of the Regent's);  
 Lindsay Pelaez (niece of the Schmidt family);  
 Akasha (great-granddaughter of Joyce Weinert);

***We keep in our prayers:***

Scott and Debbie (family of Margaret Duris);  
 Keith (Sandy Eigner's brother-in-law);  
 Susan (Darlene Witkowiak's daughter);  
 Jeremy (Tom Nowakowski's nephew);  
 Karen (Sandy Ringwall's sister);  
 Caroline (Jill Lindberg's daughter);  
 Shelby and the family of Taylor Daniels (friends of Crystal Januchowski);

**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**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

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

God of dreams and prophecy: Send your wisdom, knowledge, faith, and persistence to all who share your liberating gospel. We pray for the church.

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

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of fire, God of whirlwind: Reveal yourself through all living things. Sanctify your groaning creation. We pray for the planet.

*Name your prayers for the planet and all living things.*

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of many names: Draw near to your people as life is overshadowed by what divides. Where wars have not yet ceased, come quickly. Open your path of peace.

We pray for the nations and the world.

*Name your prayers for countries and conflicts and peoples.*

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of comfort and strength: We look for your Spirit.

Accompany all in sorrow and in crisis; in uncertainty and in despair. Abide with us. We pray for healing.

*Name your prayers for healing and wholeness*

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of Relationships: Infuse this congregation with the fruits of your Holy Spirit. Bless our global and local partnerships.

***We pray for the following with our siblings across the ELCA:***

For those in London and all across Europe, experiencing record-high temperatures and facing the on-going threat of wildfires

For the victims of the mall shooting in Indiana, for their families, and for all the bystanders who experienced the trauma of that event...

For all who continue to suffer the Russian invasion of Ukraine, with prayers and hope that the thirst for power can be quelled and peace can again be established...

For countries in the midst of a transition of power, including Sri Lanka and Japan...

For people around the world who continue to delight in the images from the James Webb telescope...

***Lord, in your mercy, Receive Our Prayer.***



Open us to the stirrings of your mission.

We pray for our congregation and its values.

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

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God, Giver of Life: Be near to those who have died. Enfold those near death in your loving arms. Meet us in our fear and raise them, with all the saints, by your mercy.

We pray for the grieving.

*Name those who have recently died and those grieving.*

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

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

*Today we give our tithes and offerings by bringing them forth as we come to receive Communion.*

### ***Meal***

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*You are invited to stand.*

### **Preparation Prayer**

Let us pray. **God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. 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**

With great joy, our God we praise, for the blessings of our days. For the mercy we receive; through the cross of Christ we're freed.

Freed to love and serve like Christ; God's love promises us life.  
Give us strength, our call to hear, we sing with saints, far and  
near:

### Sanctus *You Are Holy* ELW #525



<sup>2</sup>

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

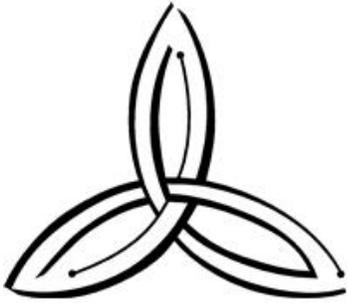
Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

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**ON RECEIVING HOLY  
COMMUNION**

*You are invited to the Lord's Table by the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, Adoration Lutheran Church practices "Open Communion," which means we do not restrict anyone from receiving this grace-filled gift of God. Jesus loves everyone and welcomes everyone to his table of grace and peace. Gluten-free options are available.*

**Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love: with a mighty wind you brought creation into being, and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

**We praise you for the gift of your Son, who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.**

**Words of Institution**

**Epiklesis (*Come, Holy Spirit*)**

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit, we await Christ's coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal: anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love, that, with thankful hearts, we may be witnesses to 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**

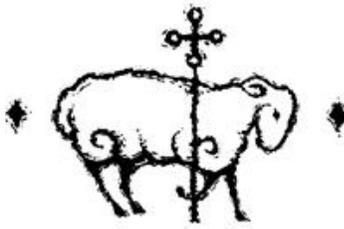
**The Lord's Prayer**

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**



*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.*



## Lamb of God (ACS #962)

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

### In This Feast of Love

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä,                      täs - sä  
 1 In this feast of love,                      in this  
 2 In this bread and wine,                      in this  
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord,                      grant us

pöy - däs - sä                      syn - ti - sil - le  
 feast of love,                      Lord, you share your  
 bread and wine,                      you have prom - ised,  
 peace, O Lord;                      fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat,                      Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!  
 blood and your bod - y,                      Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
 Lord, to be with us,                      Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
 joy of your Spir - it,                      ev - er - liv - ing Word.

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## Communion

### Hymn During Communion

#### *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* ELW #752

*You are invited to stand.*

### Post-Communion Blessing

### Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.**

**Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Today's Lay Leaders**

*Lector: Kathy Wakefield*

*Communion Assistants:  
Sandy Ringwall*

*Usher: George & Gloria  
Becker*

*Altar Guild: Deanna Posig*

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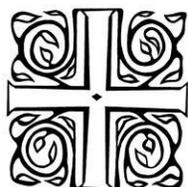
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**Sending**

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

**Blessing**

The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**      *Blessed Assurance*      **ELW #638**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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