

Worship with Holy Communion
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's worship service uses *With One Voice*
the navy blue hymnal in your pew.



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.

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

WOV # 754

Based on Psalm 49:1-12, our call to worship is a statement of faith and a proclamation of honest reality: Death is real. This psalm exemplifies the advice that somewhere in every Sunday worship we face the fact of death; yet, as the psalmist concludes, there is YET hope in God.

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The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God. Ecclesiastes was written about 300 years before Christ. Traditionally the speaker was identified as wise king Solomon, who lived 600 years earlier. The book is cast as the memoir of a teacher of the assembly, Qoheleth, a disappointed old skeptic who sees through the futility of the world’s values and who knows that goodness is not always rewarded. Ecclesiastes thus rejects the wisdom movement as expressed in for example the book of Proverbs. “Vanity,” hebel, repeated thirty-eight times in the book, means vapor, mist, a substance that disappears, thus emptiness, meaninglessness. These early passages lay out the author’s disillusionment.

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 49)

We are eager to receive your Word, O God. Everyone take heed; All the world: Listen! High and low, rich and poor alike.

The Lord has the wisdom we need to hear. God sees to the heart of the matter. Help us turn our ears to your truth. Set our insights to your melody of grace.

We need not be afraid in times of trouble—especially when enemies use power with reckless abandon, when the arrogant lord their wealth over the lowly.

We cannot save ourselves; We aren’t able to set things right with God on our own. The price is too high—well beyond our means.

There is no escaping death—no avoiding death’s inevitability.

All the money, all the wisdom, all the honor, all the wealth in the world can stop death from meeting us. Yet, we know God will rescue us, saving us from the grip of death—in this world and the next.

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.

God of Abundance, you provide for our every need and shower us with lavish grace. Help us align our lives toward you and our neighbor, with constant concern for others rather than ourselves. For you are all and in all. In the name of the One who sustains and keeps. Amen

Please be seated.

Word

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

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:1, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from the letter to the Church in Colossae:

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.



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

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In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.



¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

Children's Time

You are invited to stand.

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia* **WOV #613**

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Seek Ye First* **WOV #783**

You are invited to stand.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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);

We pray for the wider St. Louis area, dealing with never-before-seen flash flooding and damage to homes, farmland, and infrastructure.

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

In gratitude for and solidarity with members of our community living with disabilities...

For communities harmed by earthquakes in the Philippines and threatened by wildfires in California...

For the life of Rev. Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo, the first Native American woman ordained in the Lutheran church...

For European and world leaders in discernment and negotiations over energy resources.

Lord, in your mercy, Receive Our Prayer.

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

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.

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.

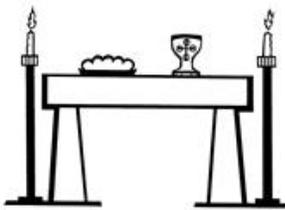
God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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

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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!

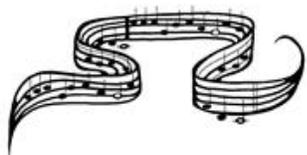
ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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.

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.

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

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

My Life Flows on in Endless Song **WOV #781**



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: Bill Wakefield

Communion Assistants:
Sandy Ringwall

Ushers: Bill & Kathy
Wakefield

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig



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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

O Christ the Same

WOV #778

Dismissal

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

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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.



Altar flowers provided by Gloria Becker in honor of her mother, Eileen Gerner's, 101st birthday!

