



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.

Today we celebration the commemoration of Mary, Mother of our Lord, celebrated on August 15th . Mary's role is not limited to giving birth to Jesus and mothering him in his childhood. In John's gospel, she is among the women standing near the cross; in Acts, she is among the disciples awaiting the gift of the Spirit. Through all that happened she continued to see how God was at work through her son, keeping the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushing aside the rich and powerful, and focusing on those as poor and powerless as Mary herself.

An annual celebration of the death of Mary arose first in Ethiopia in the fourth century and by the seventh century was widespread among Christians. Popular noncanonical writings had enhanced the few biblical references to Mary. August 15 seems to have been chosen because of a dedication of a church to her honor on that date.

Worship with Holy Communion *Commemoration of Mary, Mother of our Lord*

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

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

ELW #419

For All the Faithful Women

Verses 1 & 2



The prophet proclaims a hopeful message: God loves justice and will make an everlasting covenant with Israel and her descendants. In response, the prophet sings a joyful song, like Mary many generations later, about God's mercy and salvation.

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 God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your Word in humility, and so be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Hymn of Praise

ELW #419

Please be seated.

For All the Faithful Women

Verses 6 & Last

Word

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:7-11

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

⁷Because [the] shame [of God's people] was double,
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

⁸For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

In the promise of the Incarnation, Jesus Christ embodies God's mother-father heart, in love claiming people as adopted children.



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

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Mary's song, the Magnificat, serves as a thematic anthem for God's work in the world and therefore for the ministry of her son, Jesus. In Mary's praise we hear of a saving God who remembers the humble, scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fulfills all things.



¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter to the Church in Colossae:

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Children's Time

You are invited to stand.

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia* **ELW #174**

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:46-55 (from *The Inclusive Bible*)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶Mary said, "My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior, ⁴⁸for you have looked with favor upon your lowly servant, and from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

⁴⁹For you, the almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your name. ⁵⁰Your mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear you.

⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm;

 you have scattered the proud in their conceit;

⁵² You have deposed the mighty from their thrones,

 and raised the lowly to high places;

⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things, while you have sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴You have come to the aid of Israel, your servant, mindful of your mercy—the promise you made to our ancestors, to Sarah and Abraham and their descendants forever."

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



We pray for those in need:

The Schmidt family, grieving the death of 13-year-old niece Lindsay Pelaez-Schmidt;
 Marylee Dye, undergoing cancer testing;
 Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);
 Natasha Sneesby and family, mourning the death of her grandmother, Clara Joani Bettin;
 Dale (friend of Bob & Sandy Young)
 Bob, brother of Tom Nowakowski, with advanced cancer
 Jerry & Mary Kuhnz, grieving the death of Jerry's brother, Jeff Alex, friend of Prs. Delaney and Matt
 Mary Anne Markiewicz;
 Betty Wing;
 John & Kathy Imp;
 Marilyn (sister of Kathy Wakefield);
 Amy & Family (friends of Kathy Wakefield);
 Jackie (niece of Jan Rinderle);
 Paula Januchowski (family of Crystal Januchowski);
 Family and Friends of Debbie, who died on 7/26 (including Joyce Weinert)

We continue to pray for strength and recovery for:

Ruth & Bob Bauer;
 Pat Koch;
 Dick Voegeli
 Pat (Cousin of Donna Babilus);
 Mary Binter Robinette (friend of the Regent's);
 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);

Lord, in your mercy, Receive Our Prayer.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *My Soul Proclaims your Greatness* *ELW #251*

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.

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.**

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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



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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Eucharistic Prayer

We give you thanks, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you. He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection...

Words of Institution



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.

Epiklesis (*Come, Holy Spirit*)

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

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."



Today's Lay Leaders*Lector: Sandy Ringwall**Communion Assistants:
Sandy Ringwall**Ushers: TBD**Altar Guild: Deanna Posig*

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**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 *Here I Am, Lord* **ELW #574**

Dismissal

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

Postlude***Adoration Lutheran Church****A Congregation of the**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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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 in celebration of Sandy Eigner's
60th birthday!
Happy Birthday!

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