



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 someone! We'd love to share more about our faith community with you.

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism, we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

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Welcome to Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins, who leads us in worship and proclaims God's Word. Pr. Gail is a member at Ascension Lutheran, Milwaukee, where she is a part of many ministries. She served many years as the pastor of St. Stephen the Martyr in Greendale and is glad to be among us as Pastor Matt begins his parental leave!

## Worship with Holy Communion Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's worship service uses *With One Voice* the navy blue 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

*Now The Feast and Celebration*

**WOV # 789**



*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

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*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

## 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.

**Ever-giving God, you invite us to confess your name by sharing your wealth with the world: Riches of humility, grace, love, tenderness, and compassion. Guide in ways of generosity, sharing all that we have been given with the world around us. In the name of Jesus Christ, the one who gives and gives again. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

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

### First Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-7

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

### Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"



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

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*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.  
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 14:1, 7-14**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day *One Bread, One Body* WOV #710

*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.**

God of many names: Draw near to your people as life is overshadowed by what divides.

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

Jeanette Nowakowski, recovering from surgery;  
Walt Stasiewski, recovering after a cancer procedure;  
Tom Nowakowski & family who are grieving the death of Tom's brother, Bob;  
Bishop Elias Kitoi;  
Kathy and John Imp;  
Marylee Dye;  
Joani Bettin;  
Craig Beyler;  
Betty Wing;  
The Schmidt family, grieving the death of 13-year-old niece Lindsay Pelaez-Schmidt;  
Sandy Eigner and family, grieving the death of her aunt;  
Jeff & Kelly Faltersack for a healthy pregnancy;  
Shirley, (friend of Jan Rinderle) recovering from COVID;  
Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);  
Dale (friend of Bob & Sandy Young);  
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;  
Pat Koch;  
Mary Anne Markiewicz;  
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.***

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

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 *You Are Holy* ELW #525



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.

<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!

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## 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**



*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.*

*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.*



## 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

	<p><i>Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä,</i></p>	<p><i>täs - sä</i></p>
<p>1 In this feast of love,</p>	<p>2 In this bread and wine,</p>	<p>3 Grant us peace, O Lord,</p>
<p><i>pöy - däs - sä</i></p>	<p><i>syn - ti - sil - le</i></p>	
<p>feast of love, bread and wine, peace, O Lord;</p>	<p>Lord, you share your you have promised, fill us with the</p>	
	<p><i>it - se - si an - nat,</i></p>	<p><i>Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!</i></p>
<p>blood and your bod - y, Lord, to be with us, joy of your Spir - it,</p>	<p>Je - sus, Lamb of God. Lamb . . of God div - ine. ev - er - liv - ing Word.</p>	

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## Communion

### Hymn During Communion

*I Received the Living God WOV #700*

*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.**

### 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

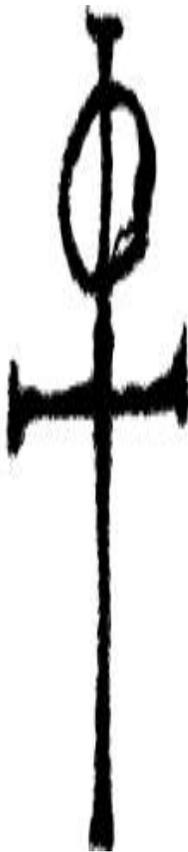
*Praise to You, O God of Mercy*

*WOV #790*

### Dismissal

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

### Postlude



**Today's Lay Leaders**

Lector: Kathy Wakefield

Communion Assistants:  
George & Gloria Becker and  
Sandy Ringwall

Ushers: Linda Wood and Sue  
Clark

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig



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