



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.



Pastor Matt is on parental leave—and during his time away, we welcome Pastor Kelly Taylor-Schaus, who leads us in Sunday Worship. She is a regular supply pastor at many churches throughout the synod and a member at Martin Luther Church in the Zoo Interchange. She is, like Pr. Matt, a graduate of Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

Today is celebrated as God's Work, Our Hands Sunday throughout the ELCA. Our prayers of intercession are connected to our faithful call to respond to God's love through service to the neighbor and stranger in our midst.

Worship with Holy Communion Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's worship service uses *Gospel Song Book*, which you can receive from ushers as you enter.

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!

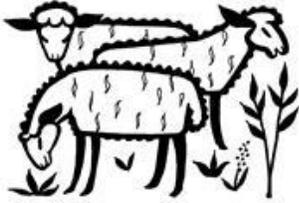
God does not deal with us according to our sins, but delights in granting pardon and mercy. Christ has the fragments gathered up and binds up the brokenhearted.

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

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

Gathering Song

Sweet Hour of Prayer GSB #28



While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

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. **O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Please be seated.

Word

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

First Lesson: Exodus 32:7-14

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

¹⁷The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

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Young people are called forward for an age-specific reflection.
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Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.



Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from First Timothy:

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Children’s Time

You are invited to stand.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

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

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?”

⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *The Old Rugged Cross* **GSB #30**

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

Trusting God at work in and among us, we raise our hearts and voices in prayer for the needs of the world.

For your work in the church, we give thanks.

Plant and tend relationships among faith communities, that in faithful listening, speech, and action, our hands work to bear fruit for the sake of all in need.

God of grace, we pray, **respond when we call.**

For your work in creation, we give thanks.

Sustain peoples and places affected by climate change, ecological devastation, and natural disasters. Prosper the work of creation-care ministries locally and globally, that with our minds and



We pray for those in need:

Ryan & Michelle Spear
 (grandmother, Linda) who are
 grieving the loss of their baby;
 Jeanette Nowakowski, recovering
 from surgery;
 Doreen Timerman, recovering from
 foot surgery;
 Walt Stasiewski, recovering after a
 cancer procedure;
 Family friends of Jayne Bednar
 who are battling cancer diagnoses;
 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 who are
 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);
 Joy Braun (friend of Sue Clark);
 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)

hearts opened, our hands work to lovingly care for the earth.
God of life, we pray, **respond when we call.**

For your work among the nations, we give thanks.
Direct leaders in paths of honest service, that both their words
and actions are carried out on behalf of those whom they serve.
God of righteousness, we pray, **respond when we call.**

For your work in places of need, we give thanks.
Sustain all who are wearied by unemployment or lack of
adequate food or housing, that we advocate for relief and just
policy. Bring healing to all who are sick through the skillful
hands and compassionate hearts of physicians, nurses, therapists,
and caregivers.

We pray especially for those we name aloud and in our hearts.
God of restoration, we pray, **respond when we call.**

For your work in our neighborhoods, towns, and cities, we give
thanks. Guide our common life together so that children, youth,
and adults of all ages flourish. Teach us to listen attentively to
our neighbors, that any new endeavors consider those who may
be left out or underserved.

God of wisdom, we pray, **respond when we call.**

For your work among those who came before us, we give thanks.
We remember those who have died and are held forever in your
loving hands. Hold us in your presence now and always.
God of heaven and earth, **hear us when we call.**

Receive these and all our prayers, Gracious God.
We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy
Spirit. **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.*

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)

Pastors Matt and Delaney &
Baby Schlake-Kruse

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

For those participating in 'God's Work. Our Hands.' Sunday and for those they will serve...
For church musicians, faith formation leaders, and all church staff and volunteers at the start of the program year...
For those enduring extreme temperatures and power outages in California...
For those suffering and battling wildfires...
For victims and families grieving after stabbings in Saskatchewan...
For world leaders and nations in leadership transition...
For relief and recovery efforts following the earthquake in China...
For first responders and for our nation, as we remember the September 11, 2001 attacks...

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

Preparation Prayer

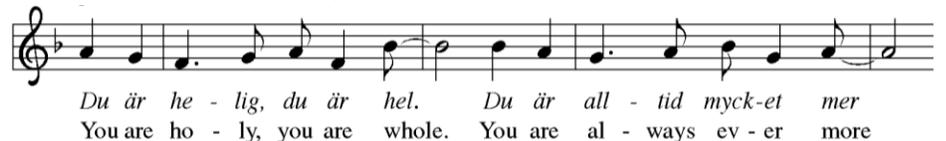
Let us pray. **God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen**

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

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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!

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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**

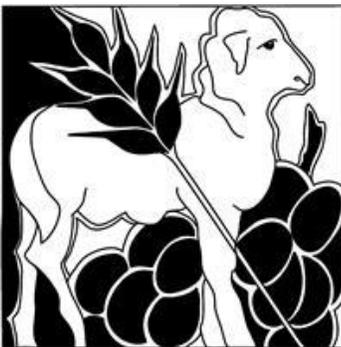
**ON RECEIVING HOLY
COMMUNION**

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

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

In the Garden *GSB #15*

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.

A Prayer of Remembrance

Let us pray. **God, our help and comfort, you have journeyed with our country in so many times of uncertainty and loss. We continue to be in need: our spirits are weighed down with fear, we feel fragile amid ongoing grief. Direct us in the days ahead, and guide us by your wisdom.**

You have not forgotten us, O Lord. As we remember this day in our lives, remind us of your faithfulness, strengthen us in times of trial, and save us for the sake of Christ our Lord.

Amen

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 *I'll Fly Away* *GSB #11*

Dismissal

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

Postlude



Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Kelly Faltersack

*Communion Assistants:
Jeff & Kelly Faltersack
and Sandy Ringwall*

*Ushers: Ted & Mardy
Lazaris*

*Altar Guild: Deanna
Posig*

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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.**

