



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.

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

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

Today's worship service uses *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* the cranberry 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**

### ***Will You Let Me Be Your Servant***

***ELW #659***



*Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.*

## 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.

**Holy One, you look upon us and see our innermost hearts.**

**You know our trials and our joys, our doubts and our dreams. Through the generations you have been with us.**

**We know that you are coming again soon—indeed, you and your Kingdom are always only a breath away.**

**Help us to be ready. Light our way, dress us for action, and fill us with the faith and wisdom of our ancestors, that we will always be ready to welcome your Kingdom.**

**Help us not to fear when we face adversity, persecution, or discrimination for the sake of the Gospel.**

**Rather let us rejoice in you, trust in you, and place our hope for liberation in you, O Crucified and Risen One. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

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

### First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

*While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.*



Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

## **Second Lesson: Philemon 1:1-21**

A reading from the letter to the Philemon:

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

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*Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.*



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 14:25-33**

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

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

<sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day      *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult***  
**ELW #696**

*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:***

Ryan & Michelle Spear  
(grandmother, Linda) who are  
grieving the loss of their baby;  
Jeanette Nowakowski, recovering  
from 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)

***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)

**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.

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

For the United Nations team and all those navigating the dynamics surrounding the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in Ukraine...

For those remembering the life of Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader who brought the Cold War to a peaceful end...

For peaceful resolution to violent conflicts in Baghdad...

For communities in China impacted by drought...

For communities in Kentucky impacted by flooding and communities in California facing extreme heat...

For safe and equitable working environments for all people...

For the gifts of work and vocation...

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



*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.

*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.*

*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.*

*Please place used cups in the baskets on the end of the front pews.*



**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, the  
 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

*Take My Life That I May Be*      *ELW #685*

*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 for Labor Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ dignified our labor by sharing our toil. Guide us with your justice in the workplace, so that we may never value things above people, or surrender honor to love of gain or lust for power. Teach us how to govern the ways of business to the harm of none and for the sake of the common good.

**For all those who defend the dignity of work, and all those who help us discover how to connect our faith to work, we give you thanks;**

We remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the those who lead and hire, that all people may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor; through your Son, Jesus 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.**

**Today's Lay Leaders**

*Lector: Bill Wakefield*

*Communion Assistants:  
Sandy Ringwall*

*Ushers: Craig & Tanya  
Beyler*

*Altar Guild: Deanna Posig*



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**Sending Hymn**      *Earth and All Stars*  
**ELW #731**

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

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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 for this coming Sunday are being provided by Margaret Duris in appreciation of all her blessings!**



*Adoration Lutheran Church, Greenfield Wisconsin*