



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

Sunday School runs each week concurrent with worship. We will gather to begin talking about the week's lesson during children's time.

Introduction to the Day: Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Worship with Holy Communion Sixteenth 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.

Ringling of the Chimes

You are invited to stand.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen**

With signs of God's living water all around us, we give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—Lake Michigan and the Root River—the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing.

Water! Water! We pray for those impacted by water in harmful ways. Dry up the wild waters, that people may live; pour down rain and fill up wells where drought prevails; work through us to steward scarce waters and share with all who thirst.

Water! Water! We thank you, O God, for our water stories—the flood that cleansed the earth, the sea that drowned the enemy, the river that healed leprosy.

Water! Water! We remember the waters of Jesus—baptism in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of Galilee, drinking from Jacob's well, healing at the pool of Bethesda, washing the disciples' feet.

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Children are invited forward for an age-specific message focused on the day's reading and the lesson they will study in Sunday School. The children will be dismissed for their own Sunday School learning time after their time in front and return with their leaders in time for Communion.

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for this font, where through water you have birthed us into the family of Christ, flooded us with forgiveness, and enlivened us in the Spirit.

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

We praise you, O God, for baptism—once and forever showering us in your love and grace. You are the ocean, sustaining the earth. You are the river, saving us from death. You are the fountain of health and well-being. We praise you, O God, today, tomorrow, and evermore. Amen

Gathering Song *All are Welcome* **ELW #641**

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.

Children's Time

Hymn of Praise: *This is the Feast of Victory for Our God*

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

When celebrating Holy Communion in worship, the church often sings praise using a musical setting of “This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!” Based on passages found in Revelation 5:12-13 and 19:5-9, we join the saints singing in heaven: praising Jesus, the Lamb who was slain, but who now lives and reigns for all eternity.

In the first stanza, we acknowledge Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. In awe and wonder, we celebrate his worthiness with the angels and archangels. In Revelation 5, Jesus is worthy to open the scroll and therefore brings salvation to all who believe in him. We respond in worship and praise to this good news.

When we sing “This Is the Feast of Victory,” we are reminded that the church is indeed one. There is only one worship service in heaven and earth, and by God’s grace, we all participate in it. We join with all those sitting in the pews around us—whether we have weak voices or strong voices, whether we’re twelve years old or a seasoned member—and we become part of the great choir that surrounds the throne of God. Our voices join the angels to proclaim, “Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!”
 – DENISE MAKINSON



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **God of comfort, God of pain, God of those in need, you call us to pursue faith, love, endurance, gentleness and so much more in your creation. You call us to walk with those that are oppressed, ignored and in the corners of our society. Help us, lead us, push us to go into the world and live out that call to walk with our neighbors and siblings, sharing that same grace that you have shown us. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

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

First Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from the Book of Amos.

- ^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

Choir Anthem: A Prayer of St. Francis

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.



Second Lesson: First Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from the letter of First Timothy.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

You are invited to stand.

Alleluia



Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets. This parable exemplifies Luke’s focus on the poor and his condemnation of the inappropriate use of wealth. The final line indicates that Luke understands the gospel of salvation is found in what we call the Old Testament. This famous parable of Jesus, only found in Luke, is similar to others from Egypt and among the rabbis. The color purple designated expensive clothing reserved for the upper classes; linen was used for Egyptian undergarments of the rich. The use of the name Lazarus may link this parable with the story in John 11, in which a Lazarus returns from the dead but does not convince Jewish leaders that Jesus is messiah. The rich were expected in lieu of taxes to feed the poor. Rabbinic literature referred to the eschatological banquet as Abraham’s bosom (NRSV, “to be with Abraham”). Hades, not the medieval hell, is the lowest level of the three-tier universe which houses the dead.



Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’

²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’

²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Christ, Be Our Light* **ELW #715**

We pray for those in need:

Joani Bettin;
 Doug Hamilton (spouse of Lori Hamilton), newly diagnosed with brain cancer;
 Ryan & Michelle Spear (grandmother, Linda) who are grieving the loss of their baby; The baby found dead off 84th & Holt in Milwaukee;
 Jeanette Nowakowski, recovering from surgery;
 Doreen Timmerman, 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;
 Craig Beyler;
 Betty Wing;
 Jeff & Kelly Faltersack for a healthy pregnancy;
 Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);
 Dale (friend of Bob & Sandy Young);
 Joy Braun (friend of Sue Clark);
 Karen (sister of Sandy Ringwall);
 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:

Dick Voegeli;
 Ruth & Bob Bauer;
 Pat Koch;
 Mary Anne Markiewicz;
 Pat (Cousin of Donna Babilus);
 Mary Binter Robinette (friend of the Regent's);
 Akasha (great-granddaughter of Joyce Weinert)

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

As we journey with Jesus, knowing you walk alongside us on the paths of life and faith, we pray to you, God, for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Bless now, O God, our proclamation of your good news: your holy freedom; your covenant promise. We pray for the church. *(Name your prayers for its leaders, mission, and unity.)*

Merciful Redeemer, **Receive our prayer.**

Bless now, O God, the creation, creatures and companions you have given us to enrich our lives. We pray for the planet. *(Name your prayers for the planet and all living things.)*

Merciful Creator, **Receive our prayer.**

Bless now, O God, the systems and structures by which we organize our lives—that they might work according to your will for the good and justice of all. We pray for nations and leaders and institutions.

(Name your prayers for countries, conflicts and justice.)

Merciful Judge, **Receive our prayer.**



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 following with our siblings across the ELCA:

*For communities In Puerto Rico and the Caribbean dealing with the damage caused by Hurricane Fiona...
For communities in Alaska in the wake of Typhoon Merbok...
For communities In Japan in the wake of Typhoon Nanmadol...
For communities in Papua New Guinea impacted by the September 11 earthquake...
For communities In Pakistan dealing with the effects of summer monsoon flooding...
In thanksgiving for siblings of Hispanic & Latinx heritage...
For Synod Council Members across the church...*

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



Bless now, O God the partners with whom we share your lovingkindness, our fellow pilgrims and sojourners bringing healing and wholeness to those in need.

(Name your prayers for this congregation and outreach in our wider community.)

Merciful servant, **Receive our prayer.**

Bless Now, O God, the loved ones we know and all who yearn for healing, for wholeness, for an end to despair. May your hope overcome our terrors and your love sustain all for whom we pray:

(Name your prayers for healing and wholeness.)

Merciful healer, **receive our prayer.**

Bless Now, O God, all your saints—those who have died, those nearing life's end, all walking the lonely road of grief and mourning.

Bring faith and hope, that you meet them, and us, in life and death.

(Name those who have recently died and those grieving.)

Merciful companion, **receive our prayer.**

Receive all these, our prayers O merciful God, spoken and silent, those new in our hearts and long on our lips. As you meet us on the road, we trust in your ongoing mercy, through Christ our Lord. **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.*



Offertory Hymn: *Let the Vineyards* ELW#182

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Preparation Prayer

Let us pray. **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

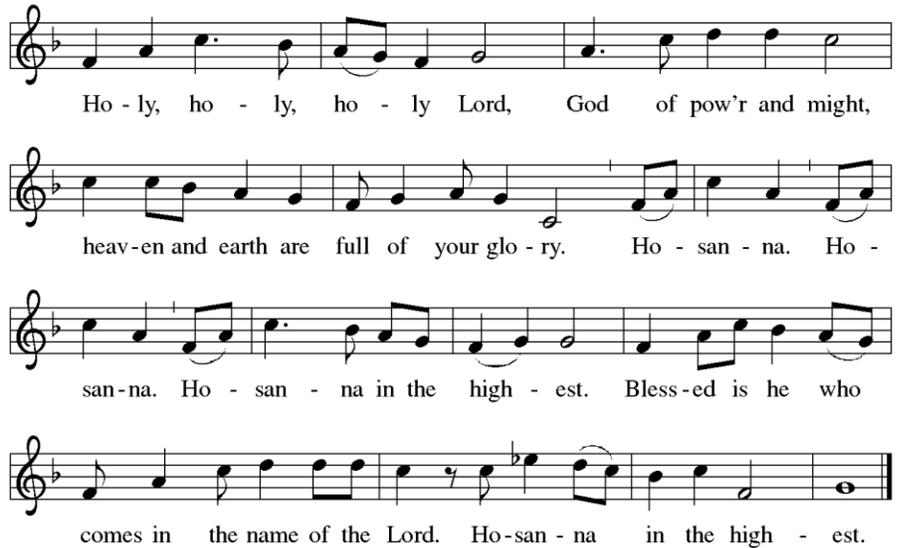
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 *Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Eucharistic Prayer

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation: **hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.**

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor; he lived under oppression; he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

Words of Institution



Epiklesis (Come, Holy Spirit)

Remembering his death, we cry out: **Amen!**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout: **Amen!**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead: **Amen!**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life: the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior: **Life in you, now and forever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Remember us, O Christ, and teach us to pray:

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

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. Consecrated Goldfish crackers are available for children. All are welcome to come forth and receive a blessing.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion

Hymn During Communion *O God of Mercy, God of Light* *ELW #714*

You are invited to stand.

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen**

Sending Hymn *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* *ELW #543*

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Sandy Young

**Communion Assistants:
Sandy Young, Sue Clark
and Sandy Ringwall**

**Ushers: Bob & Connie
Yersin**

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship
Coordinator:
Barb Regent**

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Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **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 believe that God values and embraces each person as a beloved child, that the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts for the common good, and that Jesus Christ calls us to work for justice.

