



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: Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table.

Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Worship with Holy Communion Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Nineteenth 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.

Ring of the Chimes

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, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for self-examination and reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness:

We confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction.**

Show us the path that leads to life.

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



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.

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We celebrate in the baptism of siblings Kaden and Ivy Eigner, the children of Brandon and Crystal Eigner, and grandchildren of Sandy and Charles Eigner.

Kaden's Sponsors are Jennifer Sobottka and Cassandra & Scott Kimball

Ivy's Sponsors are Amanda & Keith McGarry



Gathering Hymn "Borning Cry" ELW #732

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.

Please be seated.

Children's Time

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Kaden James Eigner & Ivy Rose Eigner

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the child.

We present Kaden James for baptism.

We present Ivy Rose for baptism.

Parents affirm their desire to have their child baptized.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ? ***We do.***

As you bring Kaden and Ivy to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
 bring them to the Word and the Holy Supper,
 teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
 place in their hands the holy scriptures,
 and nurture them in faith and prayer.

So that they may learn to trust God,
 proclaim Christ through word and deed,

The five gifts of discipleship are found following the "So That" in the liturgy of Baptism.

When we affirm our baptism, we ask God to help and guide us as we commit to the five faith practices listed below.

Each of the following is "a gift" of immeasurable value in our lives. Thanks be to God who sends the Holy Spirit to be our guide.



It is traditional in the liturgy of baptism not only to profess the creeds of the church, but also to join in renouncing the forces of evil and the devil.

care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Kaden and Ivy grow in the Christian faith and life? **We do.**

Sponsors affirm their calling to nurture and accompany the child in faith and life.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Kaden and Ivy in the Christian faith, as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **We do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Kaden and Ivy and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **We do.**

You are invited to stand.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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,



In 1523, Martin Luther wrote his Little Book of Baptism. In it, he added something he called the "Flood Prayer" to the baptismal liturgy. In this prayer, we give thanks for all the ways God has used water and for God's promise to bring about new life. The prayer also connects the newly baptized person to the larger biblical narrative, emphasizing that just as God brought about new life back then, so God continues to bring about new life here and now.



**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You may be seated.

Thanksgiving at the Font

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things.

Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood, you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Baptisms

*As Daniel Erlander writes,
"these children are 100%
members of the whole
Christian church on earth
and the local congregation,
where we hear about God's
dream and are continually
embraced, loved, and
forgiven by the living Christ.*



Kaden James, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

Ivy Rose, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.**

Sustain Kaden and Ivy with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Kaden James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Ivy Rose, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome to God's Family

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Kaden and Ivy, we welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray. **O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries.**

Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated.

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."



The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

Word

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

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from the Book of Genesis

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

Choir Anthem: Peace Like a River/Kum Ba Yah

Second Lesson: Second Timothy 3:14—4:5

A reading from the letter of Second Timothy.

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.



Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

Luke's audience may have been losing heart, waiting both for the Parousia ("when the Son of Man comes") and for answer to prayer. A parable is not intended to be an allegory, with numerous one-to-one correspondences: the persistence of the widow, rather than the unjust judge, is Luke's primary point. Throughout the Scriptures, a widow represents those who are needy and powerless. The presence of Christ in the community suggests that God is not delaying. The final line (v. 8b) seems an add-on that widens the focus from the believers to the entire earth. Son of Man is title designating Christ as the world's judge at the end of time.

³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

You are invited to stand.

Alleluia



Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

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

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

We pray for those in need:

Jeanette and Tom Nowakowski, grieving the tragic loss of their great-niece, Olivia;
 Wally Stasiewski, facing several health crises;
 Jill (daughter of Bob & Connie Yersin);
 Melissa and Lincoln (daughter and grandson of Sue Szemborski), recovering from a car accident;
 Jerry (Bruce Crueger's brother);
 Angie Lange (Sue Clark's mother-in-law);
 Bob (friend of Bob & Connie Yersin);
 Joani Bettin;
 Doug Hamilton (spouse of Lori Hamilton), newly diagnosed with brain cancer;
 Jeanette Nowakowski, recovering from surgery;
 Doreen Timmerman, recovering from foot surgery;
 Jeff & Kelly Faltersack for a healthy pregnancy;
 Karen (Sandy Ringwall's sister);
 Bishop Elias Kitoi;
 Joy Braun (friend of Sue Clark);
 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:

Kathy and John Imp;
 Marylee Dye;
 Craig Beyler;
 Betty Wing;
 Dick Voegeli;
 Ruth & Bob Bauer;
 Pat Koch;
 Mary Anne Markiewicz;
 Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);
 Dale (friend of Bob & Sandy Young);
 Marilyn (sister of Kathy Wakefield);
 Pat (Cousin of Donna Babilius);
 Mary Binter Robinette (friend of the Regent's);
 Tammy Patton (Pr. Delaney's aunt);
 Bruce (friend of Joyce Weinert);
 Dave (friend of Joyce Weinert), hospitalized with COVID;
 Craig (friend of Elaine Thomas)

Sermon**Hymn of the Day "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" ELW #669****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.**

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.

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);
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 the victims and families of the mass shooting at a daycare center in Thailand...
For peace amid the escalating conflict between Palestine and Israel...
For the victims and rescue workers in the aftermath of a landslide in Venezuela...
For the safety of protestors speaking out amid episodes of violence in Pakistan...
For congregations engaged in annual stewardship appeals...
For an end to the continued violence and war in Ukraine, especially amid nuclear threats...

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

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.

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.

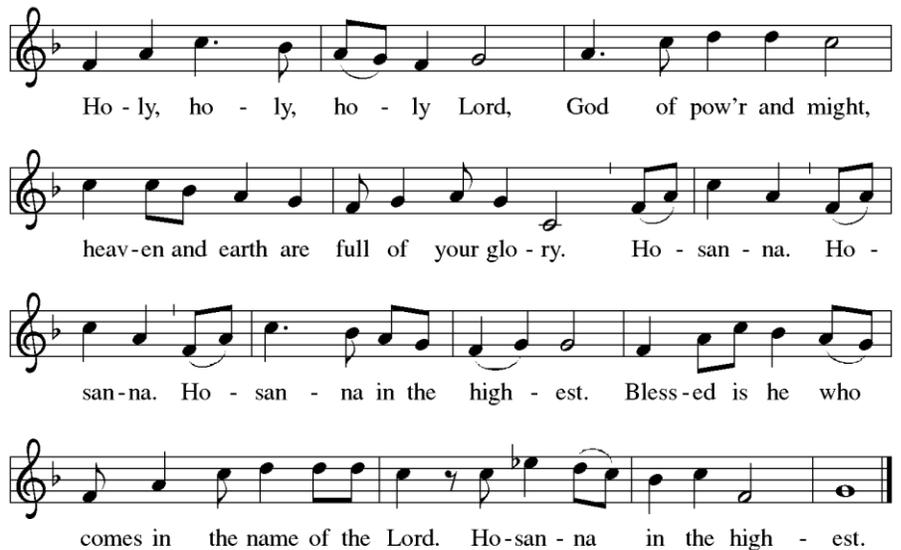
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.





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

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

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

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 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" ELW #752

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

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Cheryl Hagfors

Communion Assistants:

Tom & Jeanette Nowakowski
and Sandy Ringwall

Ushers: Ted & Mardy
Lazaris

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig

Music & Worship

Coordinator:

Barb Regent

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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 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW #671

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.

Altar flowers on Sunday, October 16th are being provided by Jeanette Nowakowski in memory of her mom and dad & in honor of her daughter's wedding anniversary.

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