



### **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:**  
*Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.*

## ***Worship with Holy Communion Twentieth 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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**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**      *When Long Before Time ELW #861*  
*Verses 1, 4, 5, & 6*

### 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

*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.*

### 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,

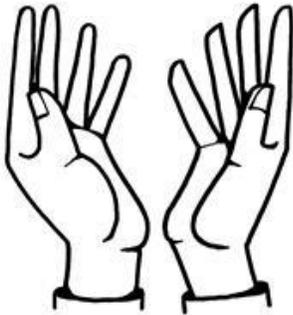
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*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.



*In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors.*

*They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.*

*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. **Gracious God, in your presence we are given a safe dwelling place, where your merciful and gracious ways reign. Without you, the powers of this world exalt those who are already exalted and humble those are already humbled. Inspire us, that our words may name the hard truths of our world. Strengthen us that our actions may reflect the gracious reversal of power revealed to us in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### Word

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

### First Lesson: Jeremiah 14:7-10; 19-22

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>7</sup>Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you.

<sup>8</sup>O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night?

<sup>9</sup>Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

<sup>10</sup>Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

<sup>19</sup>Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

<sup>20</sup>We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.

<sup>21</sup>Do not spurn us, for your name’s sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us.

<sup>22</sup>Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

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

*The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.*



### Second Lesson: Second Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the letter of Second Timothy.

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

*You are invited to stand.*

### Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

*Pharisees were a lay sect of devout Jews who observed a rigorous legalism and separated themselves out from others to maintain their religious purity. They honored both the written and the oral Torah. Paul was a Pharisee. Although certainly many Pharisees were devout believers, they received bad press in the New Testament because their piety was exclusionary, even of the need for Christ. Pharisees gained dominance in Judaism after Rome's destruction of the temple in 70 CE. In Martin Luther's exposition of this parable, he shows that the Pharisee has kept all the commandments, but that, says Luther, is not what saves.*

*The Roman Empire hired representatives of conquered peoples to work as tax collectors, who negotiated their own pay by overcharging their own community. Although the deceit involved in their trade has always been condemned, over the centuries Christians have debated to what extent believers can cooperate with evil governments. The New Testament usually stresses the obedience of Christians to their government, although for example, the Book of Revelation might be seen as seditious.*

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14**

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

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:<sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**     *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* *ELW #605*

*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.**



***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)

**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. 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.**

***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 Babilus);  
 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)

***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)

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 the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**  
*Please share a sign of peace with those in your vicinity.*

*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



bles - 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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 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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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**

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

*For those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing financial hardship...*

*For those experiencing famine in Somalia and all who experience hunger and malnutrition...*

*For the people of Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras impacted by Tropical Storm Julia...*

*For nations in leadership or regime transition, and for upcoming elections...*

*For an end to the continued war in Ukraine and all places of war and conflict...*

*For musicians, cantors, choirs, and instrumental ensembles who lead our assembly in worship...*

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



## **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.**

**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.*



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**

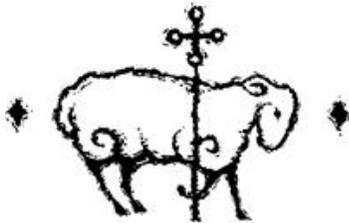
**The Lord's Prayer**

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**



## 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.

*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.*

## Communion

### Hymn During Communion *O Lord, Hear my Prayer* *ELW #751*

*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 *The Church's One Foundation* *ELW #654*

**Today's Lay Leaders****Lector:** Jeff Faltersack**Communion Assistants:**  
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**Dismissal**Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.****Postlude****Adoration Lutheran Church***A Congregation of the**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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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.**



This Sunday's altar flowers are provided by Danny Zbrozek's in honor of his mother's 100th heavenly birthday.

*Adoration Lutheran Church, Greenfield Wisconsin*