



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: It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

Worship with Holy Communion Eighteenth 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 leader in time for Communion.



Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

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 *Amazing Grace* ELW #779

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

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray. **Jesus, we see you on your way today.**

That feels helpful for us to hear. Because it seems we are all on our way somewhere, in the mess between the regions of Who We Are and Who We Are Becoming.

We pray for grace for ourselves and our neighbors as we get up and walk toward healing, toward freedom, toward life, toward gratitude. Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

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

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

A reading from the Book of Second Kings.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram.



Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. ³She said to her mistress, “If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

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

Second Lesson: Second Timothy 2:8-15

A reading from the letter of Second Timothy.

⁶Of ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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.

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy. Most Christians have used this narrative as a call for the faithful to give thanks to God. At holy communion today, we do just that. In Lutheran parlance, "law" is ordering Christians to be grateful, and "gospel" is proclaiming to the community the healing and saving mercy of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesu¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

The text of the Hymn of the Day, composed by liturgical musician Marty Haugen and borrows from native spiritualities. In many Native tribal cultures, the four directions are associated not only with time, but with aspects of the life cycle and connect deeply with both God and all creation. North, south, east, and west, based on the rising and setting of the sun, are the most common directions used, and yellow, white, black and red are the most common colors associated with them. The directions can also represent: Stages of life: birth, youth, adult (or elder), death; Seasons of the year: spring, summer, winter, fall; Aspects of life: spiritual, emotional, intellectual, physical; Elements of nature: fire (or sun), air, water, and earth; Ceremonial plants: tobacco, sweet grass, sage, cedar; And the whole of creation in each direction.



Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Song At the Center*

From the cor-ners of cre - a - tion to the cen - ter where we stand, Let all things be blessed and ho - ly, all is fash - ioned by your hand; Broth - er wind and sis - ter wa - ter, moth - er earth and fa - ther sky, Sa - cred plants and sa - cred crea - tures, sa - cred peo - ple of the land.

1. In the east, the place of dawning, there is beauty in the morn,
Here the seeker finds new visions as each sacred day is born.
All who honor life around them, all who honor life within,
They shall shine with light and glory when the morning comes again.
2. In the south, the place of growing there is wisdom in the earth,
Both the painful song of dying and joyful song of birth.
As the earth gives up her lifeblood so her children's hearts may beat.
We give back to her our reverence for the holy ground beneath our feet.
3. In the west, the place of seeing, there is born a vision new,
Of the servant of the servants, who proclaimed a gospel true.
Let the creatures of creation echo back creation's prayer,
Let the Spirit now breathe through us and renew the sacred there.
4. In the north, the place of wisdom, there is holy darkness deep,
Here the silent song of mystery may awake you from your sleep.
Here the music still and holy sounds beneath the snow and night,
In the ones who wait with patience for the coming of the light.

We pray for those in need:

Wally Stasiewski, facing several health crises;
 Jill (daughter of Bob & Connie Yersin);
 Bob (friend of Bob & Connie Yersin);
 Joani Bettin;
 Tammy Patton (Pr. Delaney's aunt);
 Bruce (friend of Joyce Weinert)
 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 Babilus);
 Mary Binter Robinette (friend of the Regent's)

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)

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.**

As Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on Monday, Oct. 10th, the ELCA invites congregations to take time to reflect and remember the land, history, and harm between native and indigenous peoples and the often-Christian colonizers who—we continue to learn—carried out many atrocities in the name of Christ.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton notes, "We as a church want to address Indigenous members of our church, non-Indigenous members of our church, and American Indians and Alaska Natives in the wider society.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is a time to reflect on the people for whom this land has been home since the beginning of time. Every congregation in the ELCA is on land that once belonged to someone else.

When Europeans came to the Western Hemisphere, there were already people here. In some ways, European-descent people, with the help of the Doctrine of Discovery*, have been trying to undermine the rights, legitimacy and humanity of the original inhabitants ever since. The church has benefited over the years from the dehumanizing of Native Americans, from the broken treaties and unkept promises. Therefore, this church is reaching out in confession and in promise.

American Indian and Alaska Native peoples are an important part of our church and of our country. We celebrate their heritage and gifts. Together, we are all children of God, redeemed by Jesus, sustained by the Spirit."

*The Doctrine of Discovery, repudiated by the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, is a papal bull from 1493 validating the seizure of lands from Indigenous people and nations based on the false teaching that Indigenous people are not human nor Christian, and therefore do not have sovereignty or government. Christ's church, including the ELCA, continues to be complicit in its application today.



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.**

A Time of Prayer and Reflection

People of God: Christians have often focused on what separated them from Native people rather than looking for what united them. Failing to find or even seek a harmonious life together resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Native people and the forced assimilation of people.

As a church, we affirm that we deeply regret the decisions that resulted in these atrocities.

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, help us walk together in beauty and balance. Help us open our hearts and minds. Help us speak and hear the truth. Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past we share:
The violence done to Indigenous people, the lives and culture lost
to colonialism disguised as evangelism.

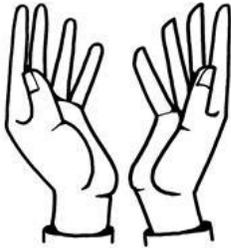
**We grieve and lament the ways in which we have not in the
past and still today struggle to tell the truth of this sin.**

We struggle to follow your will that all be one in the truth of the
gospel.

**O God of mercy, we lament that actions taken, by ourselves
and by those who have come before us, have caused pain and
death.**

Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Christ is our peace who
breaks down the walls that divide, who gives us, through the
Holy Spirit, ever-new beginnings. Teach us and show us the way
to true repentance and reconciliation.

As a community let us embrace the ongoing work of being
reconciled.



Sharing of the Peace

God makes peace within us. **Let us claim it.**

God makes peace between us. **Let us share it.**

Let us greet each other as a sign of God's peace, love,
forgiveness and grace.

**We give thanks to our Creator The peace of our Creator be
with you in all things.**

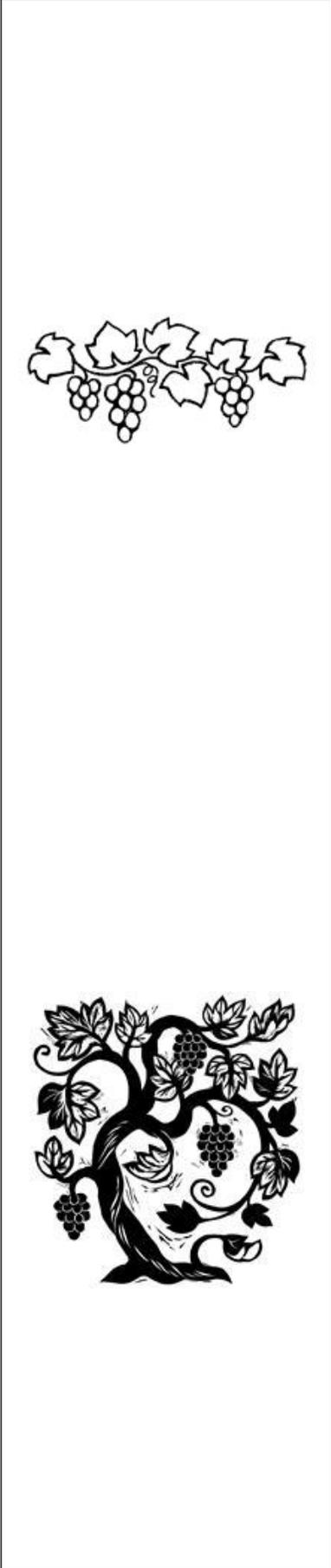
*Today we give our tithes and offerings by bringing them forth as we
come to receive Communion.*

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





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.

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**

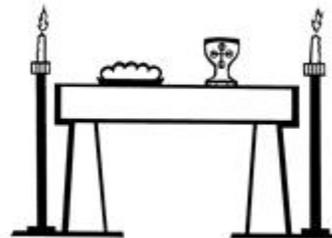
The Lord's Prayer

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





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

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 *Let Justice Flow Like Streams* *ELW #717*

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
ELW #837

Many and Great, O God
Wakantanka taku nitawa

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Jeanette Nowakowski

**Communion Assistants:
Tom & Jeanette Nowakowski and Deanna Posig**

Ushers: Linda Kolar-Wood and George Becker

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.

