



Welcome to Worship at Adoration!

Welcome to Worship at Adoration! If you're visiting with us or new to our congregation, please sign the welcome book at the entrance to the church. Please introduce yourself to someone! We'd love to share more about our faith community with you. Pastor Matt begins six weeks of parental leave this Sunday. We are glad to welcome Pastor Kelly Taylor-Schaus back to Adoration as our supply pastor!

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: The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Worship with Holy Communion Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Today's worship service uses *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* the cranberry red hymnal in your pew.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ted Lazaris

Temple Talk

Sandy Young

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Ringling of the Chimes

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

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.

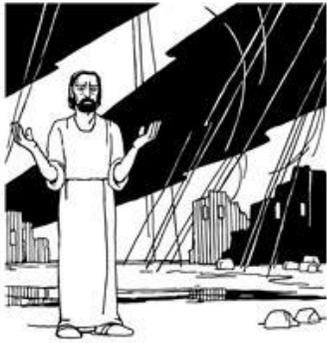
Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—Lake Michigan and the Root River—the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing.

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.

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for this font, where



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.



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

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.



Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

+++++

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ’s return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

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. **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy.**

Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

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

First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from the Book of the prophet Malachi.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Chancel Choir Anthem: “When it Seems The Day Will End”

Second Lesson: Second Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from Paul’s second letter to the Thessalonians.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day,



As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear. The human fear of future terrors is perennial. Not breath-taking buildings, nor stunning art, nor religious affiliation, nor national pride, nor the stability of the earth, nor what our society likes to call "family values" will save: Christ is the one.

so that we might not burden any of you.

⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Alleluia



Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;



¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²”But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Jesus Shall Reign ELW #434*

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

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.

How do we take God's stories to heart? How do we live a life of generosity and how do we serve others, here and now? As challenging as this may seem – we find in scripture that that nothing is impossible with God. We are a part of a faith community of all generations who care for one another. We are journeying together into a new way of being and living.

+++++

We pray for those in need:

- Dick Voegeli;
- Brother of Dick Voegeli;
- Betty Wing;
- Bob & Sandy Young, grieving the death of their friend, Dale;
- Wally Stasiewski, facing several health crises;
- Mary Anne Markiewicz;
- Jeanette and Tom Nowakowski, grieving the tragic loss of their great-niece, Olivia;
- 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;
- Doreen Timmerman, recovering from foot surgery;
- Jeff & Kelly Faltersack for a continued healthy pregnancy;
- Karen (Sandy Ringwall's sister);
- Joy Braun (friend of Sue Clark);
- Amy & Family (friends of Kathy Wakefield);
- Jackie (niece of Jan Rinderle)

Offering of Pledges and Generosity Commitments

Today we offer our pledges and financial commitments to God, as one of many ways we reflect the generosity of our God—who creates us and provides for us all we need.

You are invited to come forward and place your commitments and offerings in the basket near the baptismal font.

God of generosity, your story is one of self-emptying love. All you are and all you do flows from the depth of love you have for us and for your creation.

Fill us with your love, so that we cannot help but overflow as well. Receive our commitments to live generously offered before you and one another.

Give us courage when we feel poor in spirit. Give us determination when we encounter barriers to living and loving generously. Give us patience as we support one another. Guide us as we devote ourselves to a life of sharing, following the example of Jesus who gave his life for us. **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 continue to pray for strength and recovery for:

Tom Nowakowski;
Kathy and John Imp;
Marylee Dye;
Craig Beyler;
Ruth & Bob Bauer;
Pat Koch;
Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);
Marilyn (sister of Kathy Wakefield);
Pat (Cousin of Donna Babilus);
Mary Binter Robinette (friend of the Regent's);
Janie Record (Pr. Delaney's aunt);
Tammy Patton (Pr. Delaney's aunt);
Bruce (friend of Joyce Weinert)

We keep in our prayers:

Scott and Debbie (family of Margaret Duris);
Keith (Sandy Eigner's brother-in-law);
Susan (Darlene Witkowiak's daughter);
Jeremy (Tom Nowakowski's nephew);
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 newly elected and re-elected public officials and a willingness to reach across party lines for the well-being of all people, especially the most vulnerable...
For deepening political divisions within our communities, nation, and families...
For those who are unemployed or underemployed...
For residents of Florida and the Bahamas, as Tropical Storm Nicole makes landfall and intensifies...
For an end to the continued war in Ukraine and all places of war and conflict...*

***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 the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with those in your vicinity.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

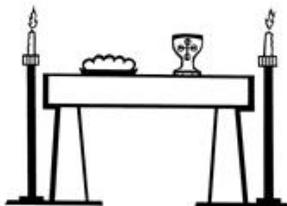
You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

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**

**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.*



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.

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**

We come forward to share in Holy Communion today.

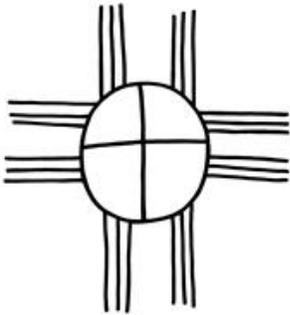
You may choose to receive a wafer and a poured cup of wine or juice or a pre-sealed packet containing both a wafer and juice.

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.



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

Communion

Hymn During Communion *Here I Am, Lord ELW # 574*
You are invited to sing along

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.

A Prayer as Our Nation Celebrates Veterans' Day

Let us pray. Eternal God, we give thanks for all those who have shown the greatest love by laying down their lives for others. We especially thank you for those in our military throughout history who have sacrificed their lives for their fellow citizens and for us who came after.

As we remember their service, keep us mindful of all those for whom this day is a burden, and send your spirit of comfort to them. Be present with all the women and men who are serving in the military today.

Let them live for the peace known only from you.



Help us to be worthy of their legacy, and keep us mindful of their service, that in all things we may live our lives in praise and thanksgiving to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

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 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* ELW #756

Verse 1: (Navy)

*Eternal Father, strong to save;
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,*

Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep; its own appointed limits keep;

Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!

Verse 2: (Army)

O Lord of hosts, to you we turn to give us grace we cannot earn.

Our soldiers guard our way of life; be with them all in times of strife.

*Let courage flow from your command;
we pray for those who fight on land.*

Verse 3: (Marines)

Eternal Father, grant, we pray, to all Marines, both night and day,

The courage, honor, strength, and skill, their land to serve, thy law fulfill;

Be thou the shield forevermore from every peril to the Corps.

Verse 4: (Air Force)

*Lord, guard and guide all those who fly through the great spaces in
the sky.*

Be with them always in the air, in darkening storms or sunlight fair.

Oh, hear us when we lift our prayer, For those in peril in the air!

Verse 5: (Coast Guard)

*Eternal Father, Lord of Hosts,
watch o'er the ones who guard our coasts. (Continued...)*



Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Jennifer Anderson

Communion Assistants:
Tom & Jeanette Nowakowski
and Sandy Ringwall

Ushers: Deanna Posig and
Linda Kolar-Wood

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship
Coordinator:**
Barb Regent



Copyright Information

All copyrighted materials listed above are reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS017715 & printed and/or podcast/streamed by permission of OneLicense.net

License #A-709652, CCLI Christian Copyright Licensing International #3162482, and CCLI Christian Copyright Streaming License #CSPL190517.

*This is the Feast of Victory for Our God. Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress Music © 1978 Richard Hillert, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

*Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall we Go?; Let The Vineyards be Fruitful Lord; Holy, Holy, Holy; and Lamb of God Music © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

*Lectionary notes by Gail Ramshaw, © Sundays and Seasons, 2022. Used with permission.

*Commitment Prayer from The ELCA Generosity Project. 2019. Used with permission.

*Eternal Father Strong to Save (Military Branches Version). Navy verse written by William Whiting.

Army verse written by Donald Sensing. Air Force Verse written by J.E. Seim (1966). Marine Verse written by Mary C.D. Hamilton (1915). Coast Guard Verse written by George H. Jenks, Jr. (1955)

*Prayer for Veterans' Day from the ELW Prayer Book for the Armed Services. Copyright © 2021

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Permission is granted to reproduce this material for local, non-sale use only.

*Protect them from the raging seas,
and give them light and life and peace.*

*Grant them from thy great throne above,
the shield and shelter of thy love.*

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

3840 West Edgerton Avenue - Greenfield, WI 53221

Phone: 414.281.0414 www.adorationlc.com

adorationlutheran@gmail.com

The Rev. Matthew Schlake-Kruse, Pastor

Cell: (920) 484-8050 pastormattadoration@gmail.com

Barbara Regent, Worship Coordinator

Crystal A. Januchowski, Office Manager

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

* If you have a need that falls outside of these days/hours, please send an email or call the main number. *

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 are in celebration of Jeanette Nowakowski's birthday!

Happy Birthday!



Greenfield Wisconsin