

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.

Welcome back, Pastor Kelly Taylor-Schaus!
We are blessed to have you here!

Introduction

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

Worship with Holy Communion
Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ted Lazaris

Temple Talk

Jen Anderson

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 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 *Come Thou, Almighty King*
ELW #408

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.

You may be seated.

Children's Time

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

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. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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.



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

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

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



The prayer of the day is inspired by one composed by Augustine. (See #106.3 in the Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers.) We worship God, and we ask God to reign in us, for only in serving God can we experience true freedom and work to make the world a place fit for our God. It's a worthy prayer.

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The prophet Jeremiah (626–586 bce) is responsible for chapters 1–25 of the book bearing his name. Throughout his lifetime, much of the Middle East was at war, and Jeremiah proclaimed that the plight of Israel and of Judah was God's punishment for their unfaithfulness. This excerpt, like other ancient Near Eastern texts, likens rulers to shepherds, the metaphor suggesting that kings nourish and protect their people. Such rulers were also likened to the tree of life, as if the king was the center and source of life for the nation. Here, as if God is speaking, Jeremiah promises a future righteous king, a tree growing through David's line who ensures the righteousness of God for the people.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory 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, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory.**

Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

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

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: “It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings,” says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.”

⁵“The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

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

Because the rhetoric and theology of Colossians differ substantially from that of the uncontested Pauline letters, most scholars judge that this letter was written in about 75 ce by a disciple of Paul. Colossae was a city 100 miles west of Ephesus, in contemporary western Turkey. This excerpt is a magnificent creedal passage, and its description of Christ is as high a Christology as possible without explicitly identifying Christ as God. Verses 15-20 may reproduce or edit an early Christian hymn.

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This passage is particularly appropriate for the celebration of the reign of Christ. The Roman authorities claim that they have executed the purported king of the Jews, and the thief asks Jesus for entrance into his kingdom. Christ is king when he reigns from the cross, forgiving our sins.



Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

You are invited to stand in body or Spirit.

Alleluia



Gospel Reading: Luke 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-third chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

One hymn particularly appropriate for Christ the King in year C, when the gospel reading is Luke's narrative of the thief on the cross, is "Jesus, remember me" (ELW 616). As we sing, we are the thief on the cross. This repetitive chant, meant to occasion meditation, was written by Jacques Berthier for worship at the ecumenical monastery and retreat center of Taizé, France. Berthier (1923–1994) was a French church musician who became famous as composer of the distinctive "Taizé music," designed to be accessible to the many especially young people who joined in pilgrimages to the Taizé monastery. Helping to construct the large and austere church building of the Taizé community after World War II were many German volunteers.



³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Rejoice, For Christ is King!*
ELW #430

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.

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)

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 Babilius);
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)



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 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 worship leaders and musicians preparing for Advent and Christmas...
 For those traveling this Thanksgiving holiday, those who will spending the holiday alone or with one less place setting this year, and those for whom holiday gatherings bring grief or anxiety...
 For those who grow, distribute, sell, and prepare our food, and the land from which it grows...
 For those struggling and working to rebuild in the wake of flooding and natural disasters...
 For those grieving in the aftermath of the University of Virginia shooting and for an end to gun violence...
 For an end to the continued war in Ukraine and all places of war and conflict...

***Lord, in your mercy,
 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.

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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
 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**



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**

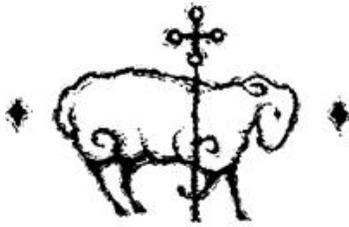
The Lord's Prayer

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW #502

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

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.

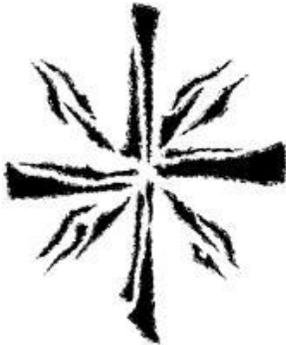
Blessing

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

Lead On, O King Eternal

ELW #805

Today's Lay Leaders**Lector: Sandy Ringwall****Communion Assistants:
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Nowakowski and Sandy
Ringwall****Ushers: Greg & Tania
Beyler****Altar Guild: Deanna Posig****Music & Worship
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DismissalGo 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.

