



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

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases, we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

Worship with Holy Communion

December 4th, Second Sunday in Advent

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Jennifer Anderson

Ringing of the Chimes

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the Lord, † the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

God of new beginnings, **we confess**

that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

*Children are invited forward
for an age-specific message
focused on the day's reading
and the lesson.*



Children's Time

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Pastor: "They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious" (Isaiah 11:9-10 NRSV).

Congregation: We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

Pastor: "In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near." And "bear fruit worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:1,2, 8 NRSV).

Congregation: We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

Light two candles of the Advent wreath.

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**Candle Song: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*
ELW #240 Verse 1 & 2**

Blessing

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.

You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.

You show up in our lives at unexpected times.

Bless us as we keep vigil for your arrival.

We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**



Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

Hymn of Praise: *Messiah*

- 1. Someone's shouting from the desert.
Someone's shouting from the sea.
Someone's shouting from the mountain.
Someone's shouting from the valley.**

***Chorus: Messiah, Come and be our King.
Messiah, Come and be our King.***

- 2. Someone's shouting from the city. I am young, I am cold.
Someone's shouting from the country.
I am lonely, I am old. *Chorus.***
- 3. Someone's shouting I am broken.
Someone's shouting make me whole.
Someone's shouting come and change me.
Someone's shouting save my soul. *Chorus.***

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.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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.

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First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

- ¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

- ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.



*May the righteous flourish;
let there be an abundance of
peace.*



*God's promise to include
Gentiles within the circle of
God's blessed people has
been fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
Christians live out their
unity by welcoming and
encouraging each other just
as Christ has welcomed them
into God's family.*



Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (Read Responsively)

- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
²**that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**
⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
¹⁸**Blessed are you, Lord God, the | God of Israel;
you alone do | wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “At This Table” Sandy Young,
Ted Lazaris & Zack Young - Keyboard**

Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

- ⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.



As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Gospel Acclamation

He Came Down *ELW #253, Verse 2*



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

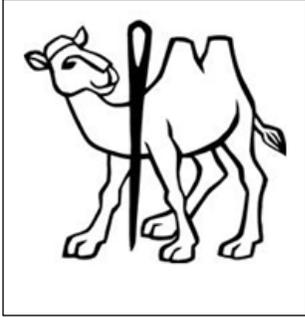
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.



⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;

I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

Sermon

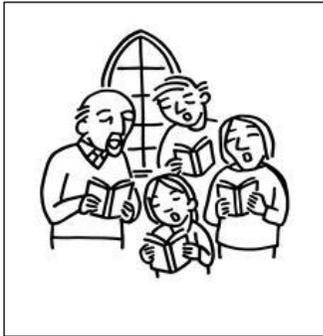
Hymn of the Day *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*
ELW #249

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Prayers of Intercession

God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians (*especially John of Damascus, whom we commemorate today*). Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.



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 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

You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation (*local examples may be named*). We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.**Sharing of the Peace**

As we await the coming of Christ, may the God of our salvation grant you peace and joy, hope and gladness. **And also with you.** *Please share signs 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.



Words of Institution

Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal.

Living, he healed the bleeding woman;

dying, he cared for his mother;

risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

With Mary, again we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, **my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

Epiklesis (*Come, Holy Spirit*)

Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world. Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Elizabeth, we might leap with joy in your presence.

Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy.

Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Mary and the women at the tomb, we might be filled with hope and expectation.

With Mary, once more we magnify your name:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, **my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

All praise to you, powerful God of peace.

We adore you, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Remember us, O Christ, and teach us to pray:

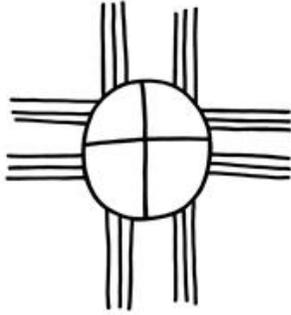
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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

ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to the Lord's Table by the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, Adoration Lutheran Church practices "Open Communion," which means we do not restrict anyone from receiving this grace-filled gift of God. Jesus loves everyone and welcomes everyone to his table of grace and peace.



We come forward to share in Holy Communion today. You may choose to receive a wafer and a poured cup of wine or juice or a pre-sealed packet containing both a wafer and juice. Gluten-free wafers available by indicating your need to the server.

Consecrated Goldfish crackers are available for children.

All are welcome to come forth and receive a blessing.

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

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Children of God: Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save you.

Invitation Hymn: Wait for the Lord ELW #262

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn "Wait for the Lord". It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The music includes a final double bar line with a common time signature (C).

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn "Wait for the Lord". It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The music includes a final double bar line with a common time signature (C).

Communion

Hymn During Communion *Fling Wide the Door*

ELW #259

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Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.

As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us, and strengthen us by this holy mystery.

Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Today's Lay Leaders**Lector:** Sandy Young**Communion Assistants:**Tom & Jeanette
Nowakowski and Sandy
Ringwall**Ushers:**

Bill & Kathy Wakefield

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig**Music & Worship****Coordinator:**

Barb Regent

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**Sending***God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.***Blessing**God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, † bless you now and forever. **Amen****Sending Hymn****ELW #257*****O Come, O Come Emmanuel******Verses 3-4*****Dismissal**Go in peace, Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.****Postlude*****Adoration Lutheran Church****A Congregation of the**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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