



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.



Introduction

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

Worship with Holy Communion The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Our worship service uses *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the cranberry hymnal in your pew.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Chimes

Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
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 makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen**

We bless you, almighty God, for the gift of water—for the oceans that surround the earth, for the rivers that nurture the land, for the waters of Lake Michigan and the Milwaukee River system that you provide for our community—we bless you, O God, for the waters of earth:

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We glorify you, gracious God, for the waters of baptism—for the water of the Jordan that washed our Lord Jesus, for the water that baptized the believers on Pentecost, for the water that illumines us with your Word, for the water that pours out the gifts of the Spirit, for the water that bathes the church universal—the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Protestants, Pentecostals, Evangelicals, independents—

we glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism:

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We worship you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, almighty, merciful, and gracious. Well of forgiveness, you revive us, Cup of cold water, you refresh us, Pool of rebirth, you renew us. To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever:

To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever. Amen

You may be seated.

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.



Children's Time

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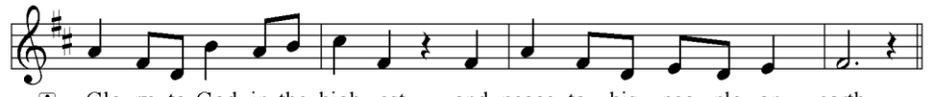
Gathering Hymn: Praise the Lord! O Heavens ELW #823

Greeting

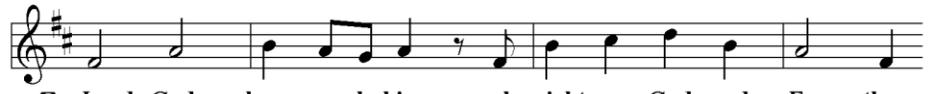
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise: Glory to God



Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God our maker, in the depths you form us, in the waters of baptism you make us new.

Stir up the waters in our hearts, make a new song on our lips, that we might know you with our whole being, and follow when you call our names. Amen

Please be seated.

Word

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

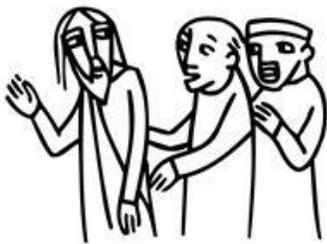
⁵And now the Lord says — who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

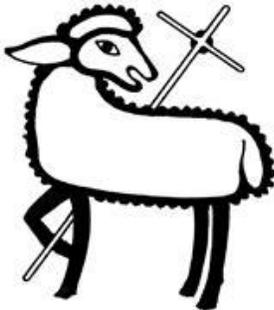
⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

Spoken in about 550 BCE to inspire hope among the Israelite exiles, this second Servant Song proclaimed that God had called Israel and Jacob, not only one day to return to their land, but to be God's servant to bring light and salvation to the whole world.



First Corinthians was written by Paul in about 54 CE in part to address various situations in the Christian community that he believed needed correction. Corinth, Greece, was an important cultural and economic city in the Greco-Roman world. The letter develops the standard form of salutation into a full description of the meaning of the church. Paul's subsequent words of instruction are meant to strengthen the community as it awaits the imminent return of Christ.



As is often the case, John's gospel presents a more developed Christology than do the synoptic gospels. John's account of Jesus' baptism develops the meaning of the baptism by providing more Christological titles. Christ is the sacrificial lamb, the teacher from God, and the one anointed to save the world.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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Gospel Acclamation: *Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken*



Lis - ten to the word that God has spo - ken; lis - ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis - ten to the voice that be - gan cre - a - tion;



lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.



²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *When Jesus Came to Jordan*
ELW #305





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Apostles' Creed

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Thus, called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.



We pray for those in need:

The family and friends of Kerry Lindahl, especially Ted & Mardy Lazaris; Dick Voegeli; Joani Bettin; Kenny, brother of Joyce Weinert, who is hospitalized with a brain tumor; Christina, daughter of Kathy Imp, who is having back surgery; Carol Glisch, undergoing tests; Susan Wilde; Mary Anne Markiewicz; Wally Stasiewski; Doug Hamilton (spouse of Lori Hamilton); Jerry (Bruce Crueger's brother); Bob (friend of Bob & Connie Yersin); Karen (Sandy Ringwall's sister); Joy Braun (friend of Sue Clark); Amy & Family (friends of Kathy Wakefield); Jackie (niece of Jan Rinderle); Eric (Crystal's brother)

We continue to pray for strength and recovery for:

Betty Wing; Tom Nowakowski; Kathy and John Imp; Marylee Dye; Craig Beyler; Ruth & Bob Bauer; Pat Koch; Jeff & Kelly Faltersack for a continued healthy pregnancy

Prayers of Intercession

Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. We pray especially for those we name before you now.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

We keep in our prayers:

Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);
 Pat (Cousin of Donna Babilius);
 Bruce (friend of Joyce Weinert);
 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

***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.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **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.

Preparation Prayer

Let us pray. **Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. 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 our 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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:



Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Eucharistic Prayer

Almighty Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace. From before the earth's foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever. Within the earth's deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might. Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, our Morning Star. Christ is our diamond bright, our treasure dear. He is our living Savior who, preaching and healing, dying and rising, and promising to come again, blesses us with steadfast love. He keeps us yours and fails us never— today, tomorrow, and every day.

Words of Institution

Epiklesis (*Come, Holy Spirit*)

With joy we tell our story: **Alleluia!**

We call for your Spirit on us and this meal. Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son. Nourish us as branches of your tree, and enlighten us with your undying flame. We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit. **Alleluia! 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

Lamb of God: *Your Only Son* ELW #336
Communion

Hymn During Communion: *O Savior, Precious Savior*
ELW #820

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Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr.

We remember the conviction of Martin Luther King Jr., that “freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.” Therefore let us pray

For courage and determination by those who are oppressed.

We remember Martin’s warning that “a negative peace which is the absence of tension” is less than “a positive peace which is the presence of justice.”

Today, as we commemorate
Martin Luther King Jr.,
Renewer of the Church and
Renewer of Society, we pray
a litany comprised of quotes
from King's famous Letter
from a Birmingham Jail.

The following meditation on
Dr. King's life is shared by
Bishop Petra Bosse-Huber
of the Evangelische Kirche
Deutschland (EKD)

"Dr. King was trying to
create a more democratic
America by transforming
America's citizens as well as
their government. He
appealed to the conscience
of Americans not their
political allegiances.

In his Nobel Peace Prize
address of 1964, Dr. King
articulated his vision of a
World House in which a
family of different races,
religions, ideas, cultures and
interests must learn to live
together as brothers and
sisters or perish together as
fools. He further
developed the vision for the
last chapter of "Where Do
We Go From Here: Chaos
or Community?", published
in 1967. King names racism,
poverty and materialism,
and war as the three major
threats to human survival
and calls us to eradicate the
triple evils and to resist
social injustice and resolve
conflicts with nonviolence.
[King] proclaims the need
for an overriding loyalty to
humanity as a whole and an
all-embracing and
unconditional love for all
people."



Therefore, let us pray **That those who work for peace in our world may cry out first for justice.**

We remember Martin's insight, that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly." Therefore, let us pray **That we may see nothing in isolation, but may know ourselves bound to one another and to all people under heaven.**

We remember Martin's lament, that "the church is often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch-supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the church's silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are." Therefore, let us pray **That neither this congregation nor any congregation of Christ's people may be silent in the face of wrong, but that we may be disturbers of the status quo when that is God's call to us.**

We remember Martin's hope, that "dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities, and in some not so distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty." Therefore, in faith, let us commend **ourselves and our work from justice to the goodness of almighty God. Amen**

Blessing

Awaking this morning, you rise out of the waters of Creation. Today you walk across the Red Sea. You will drown and come to in a new place.

The heavens are torn open forever. You can get there from here: Heaven has spilled out into this world. Live this day as if you are in heaven.

