



### **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.*

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### **Introduction**

*Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.*

## **Worship with Holy Communion The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

**We bless you, O God, for the waters of earth.**

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:

**We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism.**

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

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

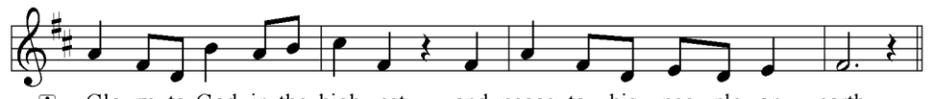
### Gathering Hymn: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW #533

#### Greeting

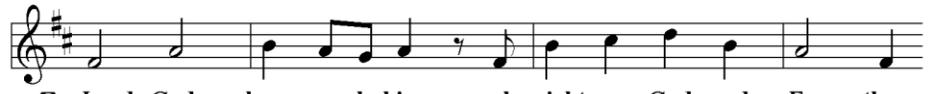
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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



*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

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*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. **God, revealed in sacred darkness and holy light, we gather in your presence without fear because you are our stronghold. Our joy is increased when we encounter you in the shadows as well as in the light of dawn.**

**The kingdom of heaven is always near and there is no place where you cannot be found. This is good news as we leave behind that which hinders us in order to follow Christ into new nights and days; the same 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: Isaiah 9:1-4**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

### **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind



*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 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: Matthew 4:12-23**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:



<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the  
Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the  
kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,  
Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net  
into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them,  
“Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately  
they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he  
saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother  
John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets,  
and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their  
father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues  
and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every  
disease and every sickness among the people.

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

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore***  
***ELW #817***

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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.**



***We pray for those in need:***

For the family and loved ones of Marcie Herlache who was called home on January 15th; The family and friends of Kerry Lindahl, especially Ted & Mardy Lazaris; Dick Voegeli; Joani Bettin; Cecilia, friend of Jill Lindberg, who is battling aggressive breast cancer; Bruce, husband of Debra Ratzlow and brother-in-law of the Regent's; 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



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.

**Prayers of Intercession**

Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical and interfaith partnerships, Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

***We keep in our prayers:***

Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);  
Pat (Cousin of Donna Babilus);  
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)

***Lord, in your mercy,  
Receive Our Prayer.***



Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all within it. Nurture out congregation's unique witness to your presence; Help us to foster mutual respect and inspire cooperation in loving our neighbors. Be present with all in need, especially for those we name before you now.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. 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.**

**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.**

**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.*



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 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.*

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!**

#### **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: *Abide With Me* ELW #629**

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#### **Post-Communion Blessing**



*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.*



## **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.*

## **Prayer For Unity**

Children of God, faithful servants across the generations have heard the prophet’s call: “Learn to do good and seek justice.”

**We need God’s grace to overcome our divisions and to uproot systems and structures that have contributed to the fracturing of our communities.**

Send your Spirit to reinforce the unity that we have as Christians to open our hearts, that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us. We pray in faith. **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.

You are God’s Beloved, radiant with the image of God.

You belong and have no power to remove yourself.

You are immersed in Christ, who heals you, who accompanies you, who dies and rises in you.

You brim with Spirit, humming within.

Let her live in you. Let her sing. Let her fly.

Let her love in her infinite way. You can give, for you have abundantly received.

Christ will go about the world now, healing and teaching, blessing and serving, in your hands and ears and eyes.

**Today's Lay Leaders**

**Lector:** George Becker

**Ushers:** Tom & Jeanette  
Nowakowski

**Communion Assistants:**  
George & Gloria Becker and  
Sandy Ringwall

**Altar Guild:** Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship  
Coordinator:**  
Barb Regent



The fire with which God will change the world glows within you.  
Tend it.

**Sending Hymn:** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
*ELW #815*

**Dismissal**

Go in peace, Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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