



***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***

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

***Worship with Holy Communion  
The Baptism of our Lord***

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: *As With Gladness, Men of Old* *ELW #302*

#### Greeting

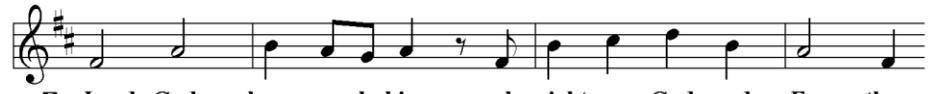
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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



*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*



## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. **God of this waterful world, in the beginning you were with the water and the water was with you.**

**You separated waters to make our world and all the living things within it, and when Jesus came up from the Jordan, your heavens opened and these waters reconnected through him.**

**O God, make us faithful stewards and protectors of your waters—our fellow neighbors and our siblings. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## **Word**

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

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*



*Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, | the Beloved,\* with whom I | am well pleased." Alleluia. (Matt. 3:17)*

## Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]:

“I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*



### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17**

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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

<sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day: *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* ELW #304**

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

#### **Affirmation of Baptism in Community**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. **You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith.**

Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

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**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

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.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. **Amen**



***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; 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**

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

Calling God, you speak with power to your church.

Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring.

Strengthen leaders and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice.

Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations.

Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis, especially those we name aloud.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection 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.**

***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

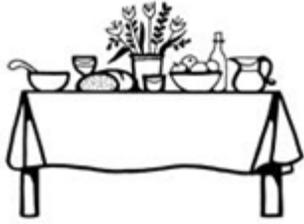
### Epiklesis (*Come, Holy Spirit*)

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: *We Three Kings* WOV #646**

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

## **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.*

## **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.

**Today's Lay Leaders**

**Lector:** Sandy Ringwall

**Ushers:** Bill & Kathy  
Wakefield

**Communion Assistants:**  
Tom & Jeanette  
Nowakowski and Sandy  
Ringwall

**Altar Guild:** Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship  
Coordinator:**  
Barb Regent

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

**Sending Hymn:**      *We are Baptized in Christ Jesus*  
**ELW #451**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace, Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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