



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

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we lose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

Worship with Holy Communion

The 5th 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

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Gathering Hymn: "Beautiful Savior"

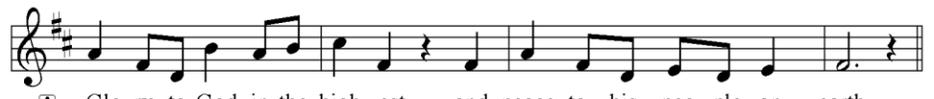
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Greeting

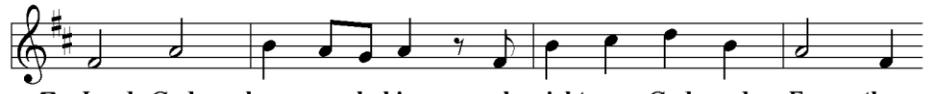
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.



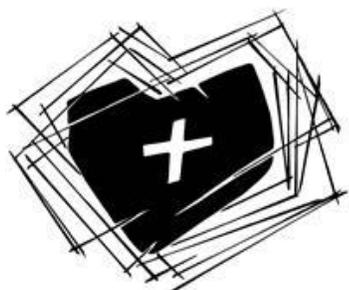
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



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



Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Spirit of truth you search the depths of the heart— our hearts, and even God’s heart.**

Teach us the secret wisdom of God, that where we are yoked to injustice, empty rituals, and fear, we might become yoked to community, solidarity, and risk-taking love.

Tear down the walls of self-righteousness that we build, so you might build through us strong bones, watered gardens, hope for the generations, ancient ruins restored, streets to live in.

Spirit of truth, repair the breach between our hearts, that the wisdom of cruciform love is all we know, our hearts shining with God’s own heart, like a city on a hill that cannot be hid.

Amen

Please be seated.

Word

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?



Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.



⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. ^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Special Music: “Peace Be With You” Chancel Choir

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—



*In the Sermon on the Mount,
Jesus encourages his
followers to be the salt of the
earth and the light of the
world, doing good works
and keeping God's
commandments.*



¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

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.

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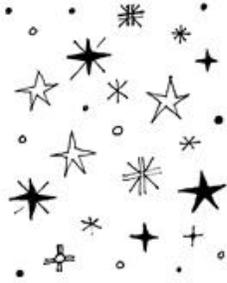
Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

[On the mountain, Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.



¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Spirit of Gentleness” ELW #396

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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.

We pray for those in need:

Tom Nowakowski;
Donna Babilius;
Dick Voegeli;
Joani Bettin;
Carol Glisch;
Janie, (Pastor Delaney's aunt);
Mary, (Sandy Young's sister);
Jackie, recovering from back surgery (Deanna Posig's relative);
Lorraine, recovering from pneumonia (Jan Rinderle's sister);
Cecilia, friend of Jill Lindberg, who is battling aggressive breast cancer;
Bruce, husband of Debra Ratzlow and brother-in-law of the Regents;
Kenny, brother of Joyce Weinert, who is hospitalized with a brain tumor;
Family and Friends of Pastor Ben Austin, who died (friend of the S-K's);
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);
Eric (Crystal's brother)

We continue to pray for strength for:

Betty Wing;
Kathy and John Imp;
Marylee Dye;
Ruth & Bob Bauer;
Pat Koch;
Wally Stasiewski;
Mary Anne Markiewicz;
Jeff & Kelly Faltersack for a continued healthy pregnancy

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

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed.

Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way, especially those seeking healing in mind, body, or spirit.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We keep in our prayers:

Lindsay, deployed to Qatar (granddaughter of Sandy Ringwall);
The Lindahl/Lazaris Family;
Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);
Pat (Cousin of Donna Babilius);
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 the family of Tyre Nichols and the city of Memphis as they experience the trauma of police brutality...
For the city of Jerusalem as it mourns those killed in the recent synagogue shooting...
For victims and families following a mosque bombing in Pakistan...
For labor strikes in the U.K. and for fair working conditions for all...
For the UN, NATO, and all world leaders working in global collaboration...
For warmth and safety following ice storms in the southern and central USA...
For a renewed commitment to seeking racial justice as we enter Black History Month...
For free access to education, and in thanksgiving for all educators...



Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors.
Merciful God, receive our prayer.

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven.
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.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.



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.

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.



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: “You Are Holy” ELW #525

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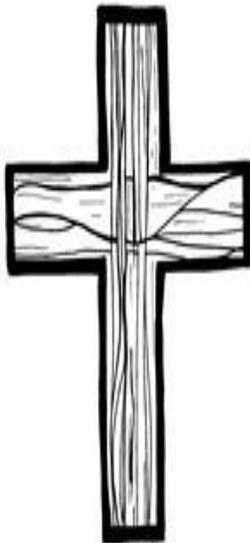
Post-Communion Blessing

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.**

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.



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.

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: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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Dismissal

Go in peace, Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Adoration Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the

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ADORATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 5/8 2023

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

THE REV. DANIEL ALEXANDER PAYNE,
ORDAINED BY LUTHERANS IN THE 1830S.

AN ABOLITIONIST SPEAKER, DANIEL ALEXANDER PAYNE DREW THE ATTENTION OF THE FRANCKEAN SYNOD—A LUTHERAN CHURCH BODY FORMED BY PASTORS WHO WERE DISSATISFIED BY THE CHURCH'S POSITION ON SLAVERY—WHICH OFFERED HIM ORDINATION. PAYNE SOON RELOCATED TO PHILADELPHIA, REAFFILIATED WITH HIS METHODIST ROOTS AND BECAME A PASTOR, BISHOP AND THE PRESIDENT OF WILBERFORCE (OHIO) UNIVERSITY.

In 1832, Jehu Jones, a 46-year-old freedman, was sent north for certification by the New York Synod. He moved to Philadelphia with his family and started St. Paul Lutheran Church in 1834. He received minimal and sometimes no financial or other support from his colleagues in the city. He worked to improve social conditions for Blacks in his community.



Pastor Jehu Jones was an active part of ministry in Philadelphia, including the civil rights movement of the 1840s-50s.

BLACK HISTORY IS A PART OF LUTHERAN HISTORY

Despite the impression one might have of the ELCA as currently a predominantly "white" denomination, care for and by children of God in Black skin has a long history in the Lutheran church.

Historical records show that the first Lutheran baptism of an American of African descent occurred on Palm Sunday in 1669, when a man named Emmanuel was baptized at Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Matthew in New Amsterdam (now New York City).

The congregation of Zion Lutheran, Oldwick, N.J., began in the living room of Aree Van Guinea, who had purchased his and his family's freedom while in New York City. Van Guinea bought land what is now Oldwick. The first worship service, July 14, 1714, was at his house. Van Guinea deeded a portion of his property to build the first church there.