



**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

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

**Worship with Holy Communion
Transfiguration Sunday**

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 Song: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* (Sing twice)

Refrain: Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship;
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

Verse: One day every tongue will confess You are God;
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,
Who gladly choose you now.

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

Let us pray. **God whose glory is everywhere,
you invite us to come into your presence and wait.
Give us patience to be with you, and attentiveness to
recognize your goodness in mountains and valleys, days and
nights, and all that you have animated with your lively
imagination. Give us courage in moments when we fear you
and others. Give us discerning hearts that we might recognize
when you call us to stay, and when you call us to go.
Wherever life might take us, may we be led always by your
light and your love. Amen**

Please be seated.

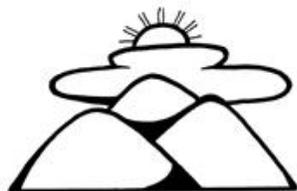
Word

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

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.



At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.



First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from the Letter of 2nd Peter.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

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Gospel Acclamation: Thy Word

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.

Verse: When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way;
still, You're there right beside me.

Nothing I will fear—as long as you are near;
please be near me to the end.

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
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Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *Praise the Name of Jesus, Praise the Son of God*

Praise the name of Jesus; Praise the Son of God.

Glory, glory be to Christ, our King,

Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Praise the name of Jesus; Praise the Lamb who died.

Glory, glory be to Christ, our King,

Jesus Christ, Lamb who died

Jesus Christ is the Lamb who died.

Praise the name of Jesus; Praise our Risen Lord.

Glory, glory be to Christ, our King,

Jesus Christ, Risen Lord

Jesus Christ is our Risen Lord.

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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,



We pray for those in need:

Victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey;
 Tom Nowakowski;
 Donna Babilius;
 Dick Voegeli;
 Joani Bettin;
 The family and friends of Officer Peter Jerving, killed on duty;
 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;
 Kenny, brother of Joyce Weinert, who is hospitalized with a brain tumor;
 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

**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

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip and move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayors and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all.

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 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)



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 gracefilled gift of God. Jesus loves everyone and welcomes everyone to his table of grace and peace.

Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated especially those we name aloud.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people.

With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns.

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.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Holy Ground* (Sing Twice)

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now.

We are standing in His presence—on holy ground.

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**

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.



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!**

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

Hymns During Communion:

In Moments Like These/O, How I Love Jesus

In moments like these, I sing out a song;

I sing out a love song to Jesus.

In moments like these, I lift up my hands;

I lift up my hands to the Lord.

Singing, “I love You, Lord.”

Singing, “I love You, Lord.”

Singing, “I love You, Lord. I love You.”

O, How I Love Jesus

Verse: There is a name I love to hear. I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Chorus: O, How I Love Jesus! O, How I Love Jesus!
O, How I love Jesus, because he first loved me.

Verse: It tells me of the Savior’s love, who died to set me free.
It tells me of his precious blood: the sinner’s perfect plea.

Repeat Chorus

Verse: It tells me what my Father hath in store for every day.
And tho’ I tread a dark-some path; yields sunshine all the way.

Repeat Chorus

Verse: It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe.
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

Chorus: O, How I Love Jesus! O, How I Love Jesus!
O, How I love Jesus, because he first loved me.
Because he first loved me!

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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.**



Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Jeanette
Nowakowski

Ushers: Linda Kolar-Wood
& Deanna Posig

Communion Assistants:

Altar Guild:
Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship
Coordinator:**
Barb Regent

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.

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: Mighty is Our God (Sing Three Times)

Refrain: Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of ev'rything.
Glory to our God, glory to our King;
Glory to our Lord, ruler of ev'rything.

Verse: His name is higher—higher than any other name;
His pow'r is greater; for he has created ev'rything.

Return to Refrain

Dismissal

Go in peace, Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Days of Elijah*



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ADORATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 19/22 2023

FOR ALL THE SAINTS



BISHOP NELSON TROUT WAS AN HISTORIC
PREACHER AND TEACHER

The Rev. Dr. Rudolph R. Featherstone was the first African American to graduate from Gettysburg College.

His mission called him to be both a preacher and a teacher, serving as a pastor for 10 years in New York, Jamaica, and Michigan before entering Campus Ministry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and eventually becoming a professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

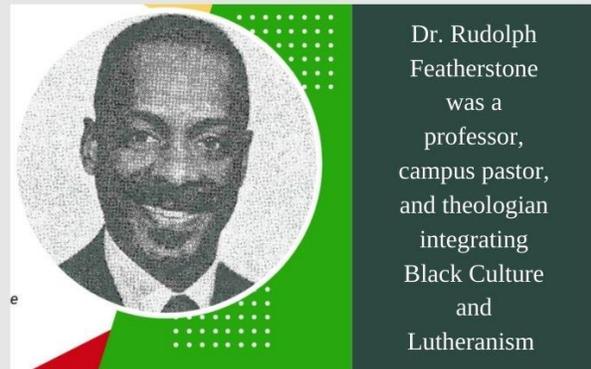
Pr. Featherstone was dedicated to advocacy throughout his career, especially for African American Lutherans.

Featherstone, also an ordained pastor, described himself as “a janitor for Jesus,” and followed his life-calling, leading the African American Lutheran community.

TO TEACH IS TO FORM: LUTHERANS IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

Pastor Nelson W. Trout became the first African American U.S. Lutheran bishop and was a mentor, teacher and preacher to many in the African American community. He served as a pastor for congregations in Wisconsin, Alabama and California. An inspiring and powerful preacher, while he was serving in Montgomery, Ala. he became friends with Martin Luther King Jr. He served in national roles in the American Lutheran Church in the 1960s and was a professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

Trout played a large part in creating an identity for African Americans and other minorities through all of his roles in the church. On June 17, 1983, Trout was elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church.



Dr. Rudolph Featherstone was a professor, campus pastor, and theologian integrating Black Culture and Lutheranism

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