



Welcome to Worship at Adoration!

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Introduction

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone.

We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Festival Worship with Holy Communion

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

Easter Prelude

Barbara Regent

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Call to Worship

Glory to God in the Highest

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Easter Proclamation

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the trumpet of salvation! Rejoice, O earth,
in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King!

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!

Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

The risen Savior shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!!

Christ is Risen, Indeed! Let us praise God!! Alleluia!

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, O God:

All hearts are open, to you all desires are known.

We come to you, confessing our sins.

Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love.

**Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in
justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus**

Christ our Savior. Amen



By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. May the God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen

Gathering Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* ELW #365

Easter Greeting and Welcome

Apostolic 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.

Risen God, our hearts are filled with great fear and joy as we gather at the empty tomb. God is alive! What was dead is dead no longer! What has been hidden is now revealed!

It all feels too good to be true. On this day, speak words of new life over our broken bodies and minds—so that we too might experience resurrection in new ways. Help us find the courage like Mary to run with both joy and fear from the tomb, and teach us what it means that you send us to where we will see you. Amen

Hymn of Praise: *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives* ELW #380

Word

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

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:1-6

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

¹At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.



Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."



Children are invited forward for an age-specific message. (No Sunday School today.)

²Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. ⁵Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

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

Choral Anthem: "Alleluia, Christ is Risen"

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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Children's Time

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation: *Be Not Afraid* ELW #388

Sing twice through

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community
 Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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*Sorrow gives way to “fear
 and great joy” when two
 women are sent by an angel
 to proclaim the good news:
 Jesus is risen!*



The Easter Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!* ELW #382

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



We pray for those in need:

John Imp, who is beginning new treatment;
 Ivy Rose, granddaughter of Sandy Eigner;
 Donna Babilius;
 Tom Nowakowski, recovering from knee replacement surgery;
 Rodney, nephew of JoAnn Voegeli, recovering from brain surgery;
 Zelka Marincak, cousin of Barb and Rich Regent, who is recovering from brain surgery;
 Dennis, Jayne Bednar's friend, who is entering hospice after a battle with cancer;
 Stephanie, friend of Jayne Bednar's daughter, who is battling cancer;
 Jackie, Deanna Posig's relative, recovering from back surgery;
 Cecilia, friend of Jill Lindberg, who is battling aggressive breast cancer;
 Merlin, JoAnn Voegeli's brother, recovering after a fall;
 Eric and family, grieving the loss of spouse from cancer (Kathy Imp);
 Nick, with advanced cancer (Carol Fehr);
 Mary, Sandy Young's sister;
 Jerry, Bruce Crueger's brother;
 Karen, Sandy Ringwall's sister;
 Doug Hamilton (spouse of Lori Hamilton);
 Bob (friend of Bob & Connie Yersin);
 Joy Braun (friend of Sue Clark);
 Amy & Family (friends of Kathy Wakefield)

We continue to pray for strength for:

Joani Bettin;
 Betty Wing;
 Kathy Imp;
 Marylee Dye;
 Ruth & Bob Bauer;
 Pat Koch;
 Wally Stasiewski;
 Mary Anne Markiewicz;
 Eric (Crystal's brother)

**Prayers of the People**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for Dietrich Bonhoeffer and all who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world, that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized, and for all health care workers who care for them. We pray especially for those we name before you now:

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **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.

We keep in our prayers:

Lindsay, deployed to Qatar (granddaughter of Sandy Ringwall);
 The Lindahl/Lazaris Family;
 JoAnn and the family and friends grieving the death of Dick Voegeli;
 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)

We pray for the following with our siblings across the ELCA:

For the millions of people suffering from hunger and famine, especially in Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and South Sudan...
 For the joy of the resurrection to bring hope to those to whom death draws near...
 For support and care for transgender people, amidst ongoing legislative actions...
 For protesters and politicians in Nashville, TN...
 For journalists and politicians imprisoned for seeking truth...
 That the needs of the poor would be held in mind in our state and national legislatures...
 For recent elections and their ramifications...
 For peace in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel...
 For victims of severe storms in the US Midwest and South...
 For victims of the avalanche in northeastern India...
 For victims of the train derailment in the Netherlands...
 For ongoing recovery efforts in Tukey and Syria...
 For courage among Christians to boldly proclaim love, justice, and resurrection hope...

Special Music: “An Easter Hallelujah”

Ted Lazaris

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

The Communion Elements are brought forward by the ushers.

Preparation Prayer

Let us pray. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Communion Dialogue

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Chanted)

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ: The true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW #189

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en 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.

Music: Paul D. Weber, b. 1949
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Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus, who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

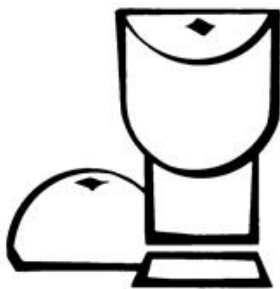
Words of Institution

Remembering and Invocation

Together, awaiting your promised life for all this dying world, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.



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.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

Remember us, dear Jesus, 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.

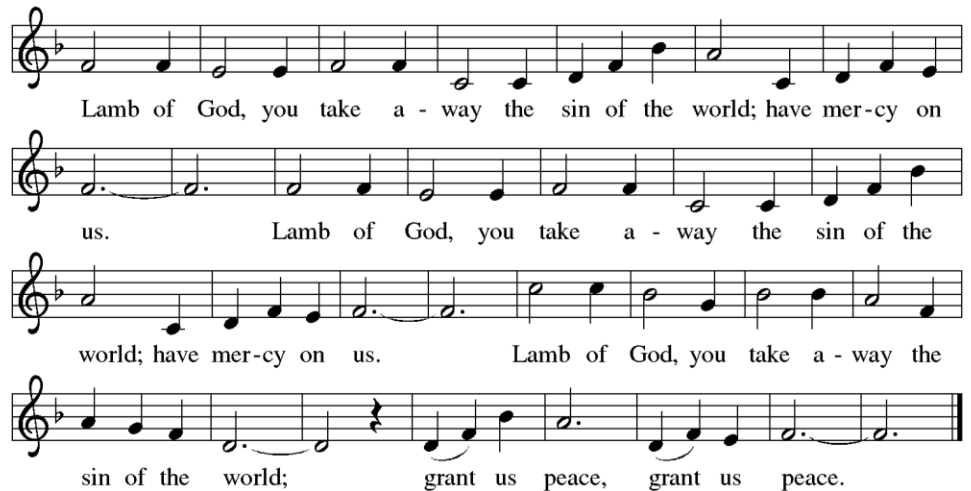
Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for all, given and shed for you.

Please wait to come forward for Holy Communion until we have completed singing the "Lamb of God."

Lamb of God (ELW #195)



Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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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.



Communion

Distribution Hymn: (Sung aloud)

***I Know that My Redeemer Lives* ELW #619**

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen**

Sending

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

Thanksgiving for The Word

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating an earth of splendor and for making us into a people of your own.

With all the saints who have received your Word we worship you, holy God.

We praise you for your eternal Word, for conquering the force of death, and for raising us up through the resurrection of our Lord.

For your Word alive among us, we praise you, living God.

Breathe the Spirit of the risen Christ on us, that led by your Word we may honor your earth and its many peoples and serve all who are in need.

For your Word animating our Easter life, we bless you, loving God.

Benediction

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen**

Sending Hymn: *Thine is the Glory* ELW #376

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector:

6:30 a.m. Craig Beyler

9 a.m. Sandy Ringwall

Ushers:

6:30 a.m. TBD

9 a.m. Kathy & Bill

Wakefield

Communion Assistants:

6:30 a.m. TBD

9 a.m. Sandy Ringwall

Altar Guild:

Deanna Posig

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*A special **Thank You** to all those who
purchased the beautiful Easter flowers
displayed on the altar!*

*Please be sure to take yours with you at the
conclusion of worship service today.*

Enjoy and Happy Easter!

*Sharon Anderson, Jayne Bednar, Margaret
Duris, Judy Goowin, Jessica Hodgson, Kathy
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