



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.*

Introduction

*In today's gospel the risen
Christ appears to the
disciples and offers them the
gift of peace. Even amid
doubts and questions, we
experience the resurrection
in our Sunday gathering
around word and meal, and
in our everyday lives.*

*Throughout the coming
Sundays of Easter, the first
two readings will be from
the Acts of the Apostles and
the first letter of Peter. Even
as the early Christians
proclaimed the resurrection,
we rejoice in the new birth
and living hope we receive
in baptism.*

The Season of Resurrection

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Worship with Holy Communion

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

Prelude

Barbara Regent

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.

Easter Invocation

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 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.

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. **We bless you, loving God.**

All worship, praise, and blessing be to you, Source of life, Ruler of life, and Power of life, today and forever. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn: *Christ is Arisen, Alleluia* ELW #364

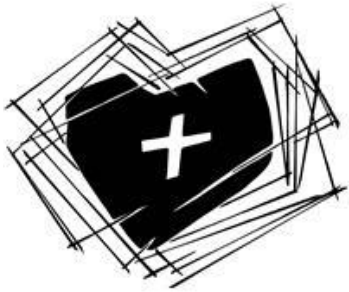
Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Hymn of Praise: “Now the Feast and Celebration”
ELW #167**

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. **God of resurrection, ground us in your wounds, for it is there that we find you revealed. When we are hurt, bring us healing. When we are tentative, give us courage. When we are fractured, grant us wholeness. When we hide in fear, stand among us, and fill us with your peace. We pray in the name of Jesus, our living hope. Amen**

Please be seated.

Children’s Time



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.

Word

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

First Lesson: Exodus 15:1-11

A reading from the Book of Exodus

¹ Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

‘I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

² The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. ³ The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

⁴Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. ⁵ The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶ Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power—your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.

⁷ In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.

⁸ At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹ The enemy said, “I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.” ¹⁰ You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹ ‘Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?’

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

Psalm 16 (Read Responsively)

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.



*In your presence there is
fullness of joy.
(Ps. 16:11)*



This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.



⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Be Not Afraid ELW #388

Sing twice through



Musical notation for the first system of the acclamation. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!"

Musical notation for the second system of the acclamation. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!"

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community
 Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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The Easter Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus





came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*
ELW #389**

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 pray for those in need:

Darlene Witkowiak;
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 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.**

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.

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings
refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb,
empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words
and our work. Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit
of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with all it needs.
Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction.
Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their
fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities'
leaders. Raise up new Council leaders. Give them a spirit of
peace that their leadership reflects your love.

Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who
hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any
isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain,
sickness, or grief, especially those we name before you now.

Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your
presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions.
Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our
connection to you and one another. Receive our prayers, O God.
Your mercy is great.

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)

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)



Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love. Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises.

Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.

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.

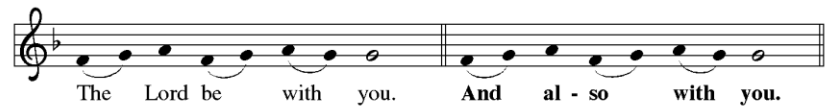
Preparation Prayer

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



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 #195



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.

**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.



Words of Institution

Remembering and Invocation

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



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.

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."

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.



Lamb of God (ELW #195)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion

Distribution Hymn: *Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW #379

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

Let us pray. Risen Christ, Living Word, you are the bread of life that nourishes and sustains us. By the power of your Word, dwell in our hearts and reveal to us again that we are the body of Christ: in our vulnerable flesh, though our baptism into your death and resurrection, and in service to the world you love. Be for us manna in the wilderness. **Open us to recognize you in every meal and in all who hunger for bread, for human touch, and for healing and hope. We pray in your name, our healer and companion. Amen**

Today's Lay Leaders**Lector:** Kathy Wakefield**Ushers:** Bob & Connie
Yersin**Communion Assistants:**
Judy Goodwin and Sandy
Ringwall**Altar Guild:** Deanna Posig**Music & Worship
Coordinator:**
Barb Regent

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*Altar flowers have been
provided to celebrate the
birthdays of
Tom & Matt Hodgson
and
Dan Bice*

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: *Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee* ELW #836**Dismissal**

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

Postlude***Adoration Lutheran Church****A Congregation of the**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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