



### **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 gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread.*

*Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.*

## *The Season of Resurrection*

### *The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**Ringing of the Chimes**

### **Gathering**

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

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

#### **Earth Day Prayer and Praise**

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life: At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters; you breathe into every living being the breath of life.

#### **Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.**

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets: You enflame humanity with a passion for your truth, and through them call your people to the ways of justice and compassion.

#### **Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts.**

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame: You filled disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your word and to share your good news.

#### **Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.**

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace: You break down barriers of language, race, gender, and culture, and heal the divisions that separate us.

#### **Come, Reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.**

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life: At the close of the age all creation will be renewed to sing your praises.

#### **Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ. Amen**

#### **Gathering Hymn: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"**

**ELW # 367**

## 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. **O God, your Son makes himself known to all disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Christ Jesus in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Please 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

### Word

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

#### **First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness; you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him; but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion; comforting all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden; her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

#### **Psalm 104**

A poetic paraphrase of the 104<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

I am awestruck, Holy One at this beautiful and boundless universe—*cultivated* over eons with love and care.

Your creative intent envelopes the world like a cloak.

I see it shining in the heavens, hear it whispering in the winds, feel it crackling in the fire.

For you energized the dust of the universe— the galaxies, the stars, the planets, right down to this jewel of an earth.

You are wrapped in light as with a garment.

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*



You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the waves of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You paint the earth with your holy spirit, each stroke and color with purpose, place and song.

You put a restlessness in our hearts that leave us to seek you always. Therefore, I will sing your songs all my days and care for all you have created and keep my heart ever open to your Love.

### **Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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



*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*



**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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**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had

indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

<sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day: “*Day of Arising*” ELW #374

*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.**

***We pray for those in need:***

Darlene Witkowiak;  
Joani Bettin and family who are grieving the loss of Danny;  
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)

**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.**

**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.*

Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news.

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

You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives. Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance.

***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)

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

For peace in our world, especially in Sudan, Ukraine, and Israel...  
For a calming of tensions between North Korea and its neighbors...  
In lament over mass shootings in our nation...  
For survivors of sexual assault and abuse, especially in the Archdiocese of Baltimore...  
In thanksgiving for public and private agencies that provide support and care for sexual assault and abuse survivors...  
In confession of the church's complicity in sexual abuse and its failure to protect children...  
In thanksgiving for our National Parks, Forests, and Wilderness Areas; and for their continued preservation...

We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day, especially those we name before you now.

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

You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort anyone who is marginalized by gender or sexuality and those whose stories are not believed. Form this community to listen faithfully and speak honestly in our ministry together.

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

We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints, especially those who have died. As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection.

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.*

### **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 also 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 God thanks and praise.**



### 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, 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 Cleopas and the other disciple, 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.

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### Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, living, and loving God:

Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life:

Creating a wondrous universe, *Ps. 92:5*

Proclaiming freedom from captivity, *Exod. 5:1*

Becoming the song of your people. *Ps. 118:4*

**We praise you, O God, for your Creative Word.**



Your Word is made flesh among us:  
 with Mary in the garden, you call us by name. *John 20:16*  
 With Thomas beholding your wounds,  
 you call us to believe. *John 20:17*  
 With sheep of others folds,  
 we are gathered by your voice. *John 10:16*  
 Your Word names our death and our life:  
 a seed that falls into the earth and dies, *John 5:24*  
 rain and snow that come down from heaven *John 12:24*  
 to water the earth, *Isa. 55:10*  
 a vine in which we abide. *John 15:5*  
 Through your Word, you appoint us to bear fruit,  
 fruit that will last. *John 15:16*

**We bless you, O God, for your Redeeming Word, Jesus.**  
 Who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with  
 a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

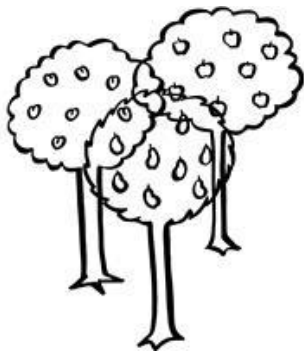
### Words of Institution

### 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.



By your living Word,  
 we are witnesses of these things. *Luke 24:48*  
 Breathe into us your Holy Spirit. *John 20:22*  
 Open our minds to understand the scriptures. *Luke 24:45*  
 Give us wisdom to declare what we have heard,  
 what we have seen with our eyes,  
 what we have looked at  
 and touched with our hands  
 concerning the word of life. *1 John 1:1*  
 Fill us with strength to love, not in word or speech alone,  
 but in truth and action. *1 John 3:18*



With every creature in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth and in the sea,  
and all that is in them,  
we join in the hymn of all creation.

*Rev. 5:13*

**We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word.**



**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.”*

**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.*



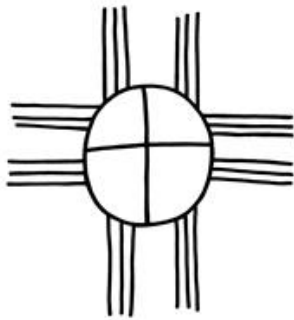
We come forward to share in Holy Communion today. You may choose to receive a wafer and a poured cup of wine or juice or a pre-sealed packet containing both a wafer and juice.

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: “Let Us Break Bread Together”

#### ELW #471

#### 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.*

#### A Prayer for Earth Day

God of many names, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

**Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as siblings, harming no one.**

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives,

**Today's Lay Leaders**

**Lector:** Bill Wakefield

**Ushers:** Tom & Jeanette  
Nowakowski

**Communion Assistant:**  
Sandy Ringwall

**Altar Guild:** Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship  
Coordinator:**  
Barb Regent



that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

**Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.**

The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. **Praise be to you! Amen**

**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: “Rise Up, O Saints of God” ELW #669**

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

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