



**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**

*Jesus does not abandon his  
followers. Through the Holy  
Spirit, Jesus comes to abide  
with his disciples of every  
generation. As Pentecost  
draws near, we are  
reminded that the risen  
Christ dwells in us as the  
Spirit of truth. We receive  
this Spirit in baptism and  
pray that in our gathering  
around the Lord's table the  
Spirit will transform us to be  
the body of the risen Christ  
in the world.*

*The Season of Resurrection*

*The 6th 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: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty***

**ELW #533**

**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**



*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.*

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. **Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**Children's Time**

***Word***

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



*Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be  
heard. (Ps. 66:8)*



### **First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:1-7a**

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? <sup>3</sup>You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. <sup>4</sup>You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. <sup>5</sup>So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. <sup>6</sup>My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 66:8-20 (Read Responsively)**

Let us read responsively from Psalm 66.

Bless our God, you peoples. Loudly sound God's praise.

**God, who kept our spirits alive and our feet from stumbling.**

God, you have tested us, refined us like silver in fire; you led us into a trap, you put a weight on our backs.

**You let others beat us down. We passed through water and fire, but then you brought relief.**

I come to your house with gifts to keep the vow I made. The promise was on my lips when I was afflicted. I will offer sacrifice: burnt offerings of rams, wild bulls, and goats.

**Come! Listen, all who fear God as I tell what happened to me. To God I cried aloud, praise upon my tongue. "If I have evil in my heart, let my Lord not listen."**

Bless God who did listen, heeding the sound of my prayer.

**God did not reject my plea, but pledged me constant love.**

### **Second Lesson: Acts 17:22-31**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*



<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

**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!

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

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*



## **The Gospel: John 14:15-21**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart***  
**ELW #800**

*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.**

**We pray for those in need:**

Those grieving the death of Larry Markiewicz, especially Kathy Imp, Sue Clark, and Mary Anne Markiewicz; Donna, Betty's Wing's sister, hospitalized at St. Luke's; Bernice Young's son-in-law who had a mild stroke; Joani Bettin, grieving the death of her grandson, Danny; John Imp; Ivy Rose Eigner, granddaughter of Sandy & Charlie; Donna Babilius; Tom Nowakowski, 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 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.*

God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation.

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

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets.

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

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving, especially those we name before you now—aloud and in the silence of our hearts.

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 Voegeli  
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:*

In gratitude for mothers and for all  
who provide motherly care..  
For those who are pregnant or  
waiting to adopt a child..  
For mothers who are grieving; for  
children who have lost their  
mothers, and for all for whom this  
day is difficult...  
For unrestricted access to health  
care for women and children...  
For mass shooting victims and their  
families in Allen, TX and across  
the country...  
For increased openness to political  
deliberation regarding access to  
assault weapons...  
For a spirit of cooperation among  
congressional leaders as we  
approach the debt ceiling...  
For countries embroiled in long  
term unrest and war, especially,  
Ukraine, Syria, Haiti, Mexico,  
Palestine, Israel and Sudan....  
That peace talks between warring  
factions in Sudan will bear fruit...  
For refugees and immigrants on the  
US southern border and all  
agencies, policies, and advocates  
that care for their well-being...

You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for all your saints. Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory.

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.*

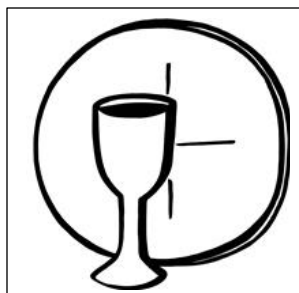
*Today we give our tithes and offerings by bringing them forth as we come to receive Communion.*

### **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**



We ask for prayers of support and encouragement for Pastor Franael Issangya who will be installed as Western District head pastor this Sunday in the Diocese of Meru. He was appointed by Bishop Elias to shepherd a flock of 10 parishes. This is a huge promotion for him that comes with a lot of responsibility, so let's send lots of positive vibes his way as he embarks on this new journey.



*Lord, in your mercy,  
Receive Our Prayer.*



## 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

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:

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: *John 5:24*

a seed that falls into the earth and dies, *John 12:24*

rain and snow that come down from heaven  
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:



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*



### 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.*



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.**

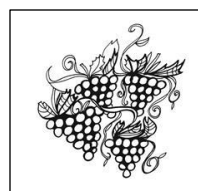
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*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."*



**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.

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

**Distribution Hymn: *Jesus Remember Me* ELW #616**

**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 Blessing for Mother's Day**

God of all creation, pour out your blessing on all mothers and those who provide motherly care. You have made them in your image. Bless them with a heart like your heart.

As they model your mercy, help them extend the forgiveness they themselves freely receive from you. In all circumstances fortify their faith, that they may love you above all. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen**



**Today's Lay Leaders****Lector:** George Becker**Ushers:** Judy Goodwin and  
Kathy Wakefield**Communion Assistants:**  
Sandy Ringwall**Altar Guild:** Deanna Posig**Music & Worship  
Coordinator:**  
Barb Regent**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: *On Our Way Rejoicing* ELW #537**

**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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