



**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

*In today's readings the risen
Christ ascends into heaven
and his followers are
assured that the Spirit will
empower them to be
witnesses throughout the
earth. The disciples were
told to not gaze up into
heaven to look for Jesus
(Acts 1:11); we find his
presence among us as we
proclaim the word and share
the Easter feast. We too long
for the Spirit to enliven our
faith and invigorate our
mission.*

*The Season of Resurrection
The 7th 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.

Easter Invocation

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: Gather Us In ELW #532

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



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.

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. **Holy One, Provider, Restorer, Giver of Strength and Power: we bless you, rejoicing in all you are and all you do. Mindful of suffering around and within, we pause.**

Help us resist forces of destruction; clothe us in the gear of your protection; hold us ever in love, through Jesus saving one, sibling, and friend. Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Time

Thanksgiving for Sunday School Leaders

The body of Christ is made up of many members.

We are blessed with many members who care for the functioning of the youngest members body of Christ at Adoration Lutheran Church.

We thank God for them.

They give of their time and talents.

Without their efforts & gifts we could not be all God calls us to be.

By the will of God our volunteers are committed to the Lord and to us. God has worked mightily through them to bless us.

We thank God for them.

They embody in their teaching and serving the body of Christ in the world. **They add muscle to our calling to be Christ to one another.**

We thank God for you!

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.



Word

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

Psalm 68: 1-10; 32-35

Let us read responsively from Psalm 68.

God rises up and the enemies of heaven scatter: they disperse like smoke, they melt like wax, they perish before God.

But the just are glad: they rejoice before God and celebrate with song. Sing to God's name! Play Hymns!

God rides the clouds. Send up a song!

“Lord” is God's name. Rejoice!

Parent to the parentless; defender of widows. God in the temple! God gives the homeless a home; sets prisoners free to prosper; but the rebellious are banished to the wild.

God, when you led your people, when you marched in the desert, the earth shook. Heaven rained before you.

Israel's God—The Lord of Sinai.

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.



You gave us downpours to refresh the promised land where you nourish your flock. Gracious God, strengthen the weak. Rulers of the earth: Sing to God! Make music for the Lord who rides the clouds, whose voice is thunder.

Acknowledge the power of God who governs Israel, whose strength is in the stormclouds.

You inspire wonder in your temple, God of Israel.

Fill your people with power and might. Blessed be God!

Second Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Be Not Afraid* ELW #388
Sing twice through



On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.



The Gospel: John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing ELW #393

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:

Linda, Betty Wing's sister, who is in the hospital with a serious infection;
 Donna, Betty's Wing's sister;
 Jonathan, Bernice Young's son-in-law, who had a mild stroke;
 John Imp;
 Linda, Betty Wing's sister, who is in the hospital with a serious infection;
 Ivy Rose Eigner, granddaughter of Sandy & Charlie;
 Donna Babilius;
 Tom Nowakowski,
 Rodney, nephew of JoAnn Voegeli, recovering from brain surgery;
 Zelka Marinca, 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;
 Family and friends of Larry 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.*

God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness especially those we name before you. Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council leaders, newly elected today. Guide our mission and vision. Receive our prayers, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. 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.**

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:**

For fair and free elections and
political stability in Turkey,
Thailand and Cambodia...
For a timely resolution of the
debt ceiling crisis...
At this 75th anniversary of the
Palestinian displacement,
prayers peace in Palestine and
Israel and for the restoration of
Palestinian homelands...
For refugees and migrants
fleeing violence and economic
hardship...
For immigration reform in the
United States and for a humane
and generous policy towards
refugees and migrants...
For relief for the people of
Myanmar impacted by Cyclone
Mocha...
For peace in Sudan, Ukraine,
Somalia, and Senegal...
In thanksgiving for all who are
graduating and ending academic
years, and for God to bless them in
their next endeavors
For the dignity and well-being of
our elders, including care for
*physical, emotional, relational, and
economic health...*
For strong communities that love,
honor, and advocate for neighbors
of all races, classes, gender
identities, sexualities, ages, and
abilities...



Sunday, May 21st—The Seventh Sunday of Easter/

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 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:

Adoration Lutheran Church, Greenfield Wisconsin

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,
 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 risen. Christ will come again.



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.

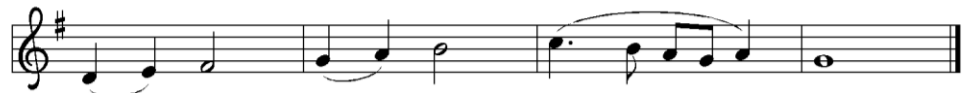
1 John 3:18

With every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them,

Rev. 5:13

we join in the hymn of all creation.

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



A - men, a - men, a - men.



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.

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.



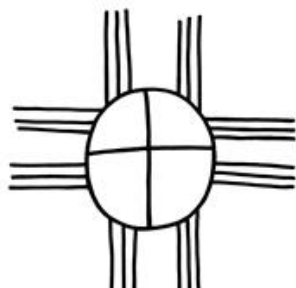
We come forward to share in Holy Communion today. You may choose to receive a wafer and a poured cup of wine or juice or a pre-sealed packet containing both a wafer and juice.

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.



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

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ELW #620

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 Graduates

We are delighted to honor you as you graduate!

We are proud of you!



It is our privilege to affirm you as members of this congregation. You have completed an important phase of your lives and you are entering another.

Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare for your new endeavors, do you thank God for the many ways your faith has been your strength and guide? **With God's help, I do.** As you consider the next steps of your journey of life, do you acknowledge God going with you, before you, behind you, below you, above you, and within you? **With God's help, I do.** As you make choices about your new endeavors, will you offer your gifts to the world as part of the body of Christ and welcome the support of a family of faith? **With God's help, I will.**

People of Adoration: Do you claim these graduates as siblings in Christ, called to ministry according to their talents?

In God's love, we claim them.

As their home congregation, do you promise to support them, take an interest in their future, be with them in their celebration and sadness, and welcome them whenever they return?

In God's love, we support them.

Do you promise to faithfully pray for these young people, placing their futures into God's loving hands as they live out their callings? **In God's love, we pray for them.**

Let us pray. All-wise and loving God, we give thanks for your gifts to us: for creating us, for saving us in Christ, for calling us in baptism as your people.

Look with love on these graduates and bless them as they complete this season of their studies.

By your Spirit, help them to use their gifts for your glory and for the good of all people.

In your lovingkindness, guide them in their journey. We ask these blessings through Christ our Lord. Amen

Benediction

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast to what is good; return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Sandy Young

Ushers: Craig & Tania
Beyler

Communion Assistant:
Sandy Ringwall

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship
Coordinator:**
Barb Regent



**Altar Flowers provided
by Deanna Posig in
honor of all the
graduates!**



help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve God,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Sending Hymn: Savior, Again to Your Dear Name
ELW #534

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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