



**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

*All the baptized have a
calling in God's world. God
calls not just pastors and
deacons but also the
youngest child, like Samuel.
The story of the calling of
Nathanael plays with the
idea of place. Nathanael
initially dismisses Jesus
because he comes from
Nazareth. But where we
come from isn't important;
it's where—or rather
whom—we come to. Jesus
refers to Jacob, who had a
vision in a place he called
“the house of God, and . . .
the gate of heaven”
(Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he
himself is the place where
Nathanael will meet God.*

*Sunday, January 14th, 2024
The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Worship with Holy Communion*

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

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

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness
and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen

Confession and Forgiveness

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your
people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give
us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your
Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*)

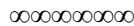
Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion
forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done
and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we
may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor
and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal 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.



At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.



Gathering Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine* **ELW #677**

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. **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father 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.

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

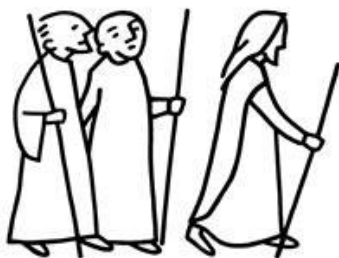
Today's Hebrew Bible lesson comes from First Samuel.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."



Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.



In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Musical Setting of Psalm 139

***Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me* ELW #767**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

The epistle comes from Paul's first letter to Corinth.

¹²"All things are permitted for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are permitted for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,"^[d] and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for sexual immorality but for the Lord and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun sexual immorality! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia ELW #175

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.



⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day:

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW #798

Thanksgiving for Baptism

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the congregation gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

We pray for those in need:

Karen, sister of Sandy Ringwall;
 John Imp;
 Donna Babilus;
 Cheryl Hagfors;
 Goldie McMahan, having heart surgery on Jan. 11th (Pr. Matt's cousin's baby);
 Ray, friend of Jan Rinderle;
 Cathy, family member of Barb and Rich Regent, who has stomach issues and will be undergoing tests;
 Judith, friend of Crystal, who is hospitalized with complications after donating part of her liver and for the recipient;
 Scott Kaczor, cousin of Sandy Witt, who is having prostate cancer surgery;
 Ethel Bach, sister of Jeanette Nowakowski, with white lung disease;
 Deborah Bach, sister of Jeanette Nowakowski, with neck cancer;
 Earlann Wilson, sister of Jeanette Nowakowski, with cancer;
 Brandi, family friend of the Bednar's, who is battling cancer;
 Anne, friend of Sandy Young;
 Individuals in recovery from addiction;
 Victoria, with cancer (Deanna Posig);
 Joyce, with cancer (Jan Rinderle);
 The Nelson/Hartman family;
 Felicia Bruyette, sister-in-law of Kelly (Jeff) Faltersack;
 Cecilia, friend of Jill Lindberg, who is battling aggressive breast cancer;
 Mary, Sandy Young's sister;
 Jerry, Bruce Crueger's brother;
 Karen, Sandy Ringwall's sister;
 Joy Braun (friend of Sue Clark);
 Amy & Family (friends of Kathy Wakefield)



At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. We name them before you now. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural insensitivity, and all who long for respite or restoration. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

**We continue to pray for strength
for:**

Michael Kruse (Pr. Matt's brother);
 Betty Wing;
 Linda and Donna, Betty Wing's
 sisters;
 Joani Bettin;
 Kathy Imp;
 Marylee Dye;
 Ruth Bauer;
 Pat Koch;
 Mary Anne Markiewicz;
 Tom Durham (Pr. Delaney's
 cousin);
 Ivy Rose Eigner, granddaughter of
 Sandy & Charlie;
 Eric, Crystal's brother

We keep in our prayers:

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)

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



Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints, especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Please share signs of peace with those in your vicinity. Then
 you may be seated.*

Offering

We share our tithes and offerings with God.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.**

With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Parent, through Christ our Lord. In Jesus you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW #308, verse 5

Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!

Our joy be all with music crowned,

our voices gaily blending!

For Christ goes with us all the way—

today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!

His love is never ending!

Sing out! Ring out!

Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!

Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars;
beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

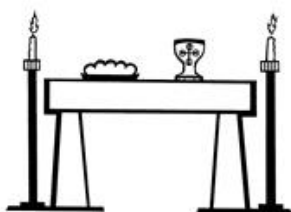
Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water;
by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile;
into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O 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.

Words of Institution**Invocation of the Spirit**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, world without end. Amen

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good. *Please be seated.*

Communion**Hymn During Communion (Please Sing Along!)**

I Received the Living God

ELW #477

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Post-Communion Blessing**Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray. Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen



Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Bill Wakefield

Ushers: Bill & Kathy
Wakefield

Communion Assistant:
Linda Kolar-Wood

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship
Coordinator:**
Barb Regent



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Sending

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

Benediction

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Sending Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW #671

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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