



**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**

*As we continue through the  
time after Epiphany, stories  
of the call to discipleship  
show us the implications of  
our baptismal calling to  
show Christ to the world.  
Jesus begins proclaiming the  
good news and calling  
people to repentance right  
after John the Baptist is  
arrested for preaching in a  
similar way. Knowing that  
John was later executed, we  
see at the very outset the cost  
of discipleship. Still, the two  
sets of brothers leave  
everything they have known  
and worked for all their lives  
to follow Jesus and fish for  
people.*

**Sunday, January 21st, 2024**  
**The 3rd 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.*



*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*



## Gathering Hymn: ELW # 715 "Christ Be Our Light"

### 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 God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### Children's Time

### Word

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

### First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-10

Today's Hebrew Bible lesson comes from Jonah.

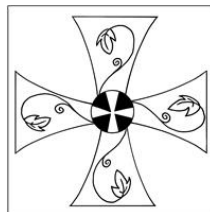
<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying,<sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."<sup>3</sup> So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.<sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"<sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.<sup>7</sup> Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water."<sup>8</sup> Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God.



All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands.<sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**



## Musical Setting: Psalm 62

*Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

ACS #1024



*Refrain*

Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye  
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -  
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.  
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

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*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

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*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the  
 2 It is not the work of my hands that has  
 3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the  
 washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my  
 stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

*Refrain*  
 flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.  
 days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.  
 fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

## Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

<sup>29</sup> I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup> and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup> and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

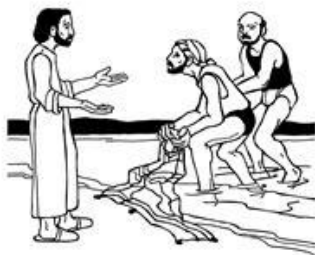
*You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia ELW #175**

## Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**



<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: ELW # 696 "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult**

## 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.**

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



**We pray for those in need:**

Brandi who lost her valiant battle with cancer and her family and friends (Bednar's) who are grieving;  
 Cathy Hanke, friend of the Regents, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer;  
 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;  
 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;  
 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)



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.*

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. We pray especially for Ukraine, Gaza and Israel, and Yemen. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain, *especially* those we name before you now. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call.

**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 (friend of Crystal) who had  
breast cancer reconstructive  
surgery;  
Taylor Daniels and her family who  
continues to fight childhood cancer  
(friends of Crystal)

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

For peace among nations,  
especially between Israel and  
Palestine, Russia and Ukraine...  
For areas of the world facing  
conflict and violence, especially  
Syria and Iraq...  
For fair elections and for the  
compassion and integrity of world  
leaders...  
For damages caused by volcanic  
eruptions in Grindavik, Iceland...  
For safe evacuation and successful  
recovery efforts after avalanches in  
northwestern China...  
For relief and recovery efforts in  
Mauritius and Réunion following  
Cyclone Belal...  
For areas of the United States  
facing extreme cold and snow, and  
especially for those without reliable  
housing, heat, transportation, or  
other basic needs...  
For those who have suffered  
religious trauma...  
For cooperation and unity in the  
church, centered on Christ's model  
of sacrificial love...

When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we  
have strayed from your ways, redirect us.  
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we  
trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who  
grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation.  
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.**

**Words of Institution**





**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.*

**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!)**

**Comm: ELW # 817 "You have come down to the Lakeshore"**

*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**

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**Ushers:** Craig & Tania  
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**Communion Assistant:**  
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**Altar Guild:** Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship  
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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 ELW # 536 “God be with You  
Till We Meet Again”**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

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