



**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 Deuteronomy God  
promises to raise up a  
prophet like Moses, who will  
speak for God; in Psalm 111  
God shows the people the  
power of God's works. For  
the church these are ways of  
pointing to the unique  
authority people sensed in  
Jesus' actions and words.  
We encounter that authority  
in God's word, around  
which we gather, the word  
that prevails over any lesser  
spirit that would claim  
power over us, freeing us to  
follow Jesus.*

*Sunday, January 28th, 2024*

*The 4th Sunday after Epiphany*

*Worship with Healing & 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.*



*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

## **Gathering Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me!* ELW #595**

### **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. **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior.**

**Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, 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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Today's Hebrew Bible lesson comes from Deuteronomy. [Moses said,] <sup>14</sup>“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup>Then the Lord replied to me, ‘They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’

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

*Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.*



*Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.*

**Choir Anthem:**      *“Holy Lord, We Glorify Thy Name”*

## **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

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

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup> Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge, <sup>3</sup> but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup> Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup> Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup> It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat and no better off if we do.

<sup>9</sup> But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup> So by your knowledge the weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is destroyed. <sup>12</sup> But when you thus sin against brothers and sisters and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never again eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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 1:21-28**

The holy gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**



<sup>21</sup>They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, [Jesus] entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.”

<sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

*Please be seated.*

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: Arise Your Light Has Come**

**ELW #314**



### 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;  
Kayla is currently, daughter of Athena Minto, who is being tested for autoimmune illnesses;  
Betty Wing who is recovering from kidney surgery;  
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.*

Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer especially those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. 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 (friend of Crystal) who had breast cancer reconstructive surgery;  
 Taylor Daniels and her family who continues to fight childhood cancer (friends of Crystal)



Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care.

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, 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ: our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope;



the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings. And so, with all the choirs of angels, 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.

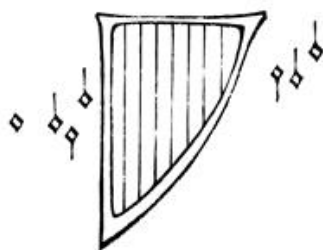
**We thank you, O God.**

**Words of Institution**

**Invocation of the Spirit**

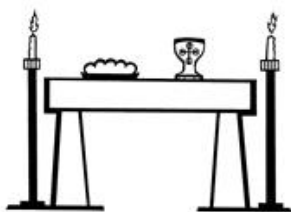
We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering;  
within this meal; among your people; throughout the  
world.

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



### **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.*

### **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. Dear friends, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

*Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing may approach before or after communing.*

*Please be seated.*

### **Communion and Healing**

### **Hymn During Communion (Background Music)**

**Now We Remain ELW #500**

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

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

### **Post-Healing Prayer**

Let us pray. Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.

**When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**



**Today's Lay Leaders**

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**Ushers:** George & Gloria  
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**Communion Assistant:**  
Sandy Ringwall

**Altar Guild:** Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship  
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**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

***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** *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*  
**ELW #534**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

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