



## Welcome to Worship at Adoration!

*Lent is often a time of self-reflection, spiritual discipline, commitment, and community. Congregations gather to sing the minor harmonies of the way of Jesus on the road toward the cross. This Lent our theme is "Altered" We'll see the ways the Holy Spirit alters our perspective, transforms our communities, and consistently blazes a trail ahead of us.*

*We'll look to catch up with the work of the Holy Spirit, finding ourselves:*

### ***Altered through a broadening circle***

*Fourth Sunday of Lent  
John 3:14-21*

### ***Altered with our enemies***

*Fifth Sunday of Lent  
John 12:20-33*

### ***Walking an alternative way***

*Palm Sunday  
Mark 11:1-11*

*The Spirit is alive in, with, and under our ordinary lives, always calling us forward into transformation, nudging us into wholeness, and beckoning us forth into an alternative way.*

## ***"Altered Through a Broadening Circle"***

### ***Worship with Holy Communion***

### ***The Fourth Sunday in Lent***

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

## **Prelude**

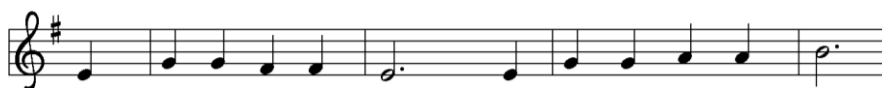
## **Welcome and Announcements**

## ***Gathering***

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

*Please remain seated.*

## **Kyrie (ELW p. 203)**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## **Confession**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen**

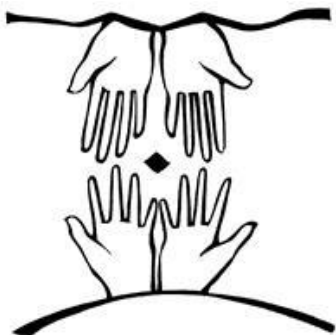
Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, We confess that we have rejected the refuge you offer.  
**We try to hide behind self-sufficiency and pride, but you see us, and love us still.**

We confess that we have chosen strife over peace; we want to be right more than we want to be in right relationship.

**Forgive us for the ways we have rebelled against you and harmed our neighbors in action, thought, or indifference.**

We confess that we have settled for convenient comforts, for palm-sized imitations of mercy and justice.



*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.*

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**Your mighty hands break the bow and topple the throne, yet also gather and shelter us like a mother hen.**

We confess that you know what we need and gladly provide it.

**Grant us the courage, patience, and trust to receive and share your love. Amen.**

Hear this, beloved children of God: God rejoices when you turn and return. Search, that you may find. Find, that you may be found. Loosen your grip, that you may be more tightly held, more warmly comforted, and more tenderly nourished.

Your stony heart will soften like the river's frozen mouth. Your stiff neck will relax as you accept God's love, allowing you to see more of the world around you.

God forgives your sins and remembers them no more. In the name of the Divine Parent, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ✠ receive this peace. **Amen.**

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

**Opening Hymn: ELW #685 "Take My Life, That I May Be"**

*Please be seated*

### **Children's Time**

### **Hymn of Praise: Surely God is My Salvation (ACS #926)**



1 Sure - ly God is my sal - va - tion,  
2 Thus with joy you shall draw wa - ter  
3 Tell the na - tions of God's glo - ry,



I will trust and shall not fear. God the Lord is  
from sal - va - tion's wells and springs. Sing your thanks to  
make this known in all the earth. Praise the Lord, the



strong and might - y, my sal - va - tion true.  
God Al - might - y for these won - drous deeds.  
God of Is - rael, call up - on God's name.

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*Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.*

*Refrain*

Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!

Sing ho-san - na!

Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!

Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!

Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!

### 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** O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Word

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

#### First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.”

<sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.



<sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

**Psalm 107:1-3 and 17-22**

1 Give thanks to the Lord of goodness,  
for God is lasting love,

2 Let those saved by God  
tell their story:

**how the Lord snatched them  
from the oppressor’s might,**

**3 gathering them from east and west,  
from north and south.**

17 Disease struck down others  
for rebelling in their sin.

**18 Sickened by food,  
they almost died.**

19 Then they cried out,  
and God snatched them from danger,

**20 spoke a word of healing,  
and kept them alive.**

21 Let them celebrate God’s love,  
all the wonders revealed to them.

**22 Let them offer a sacrifice of praise  
and tell their story with joy.**

*While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.*

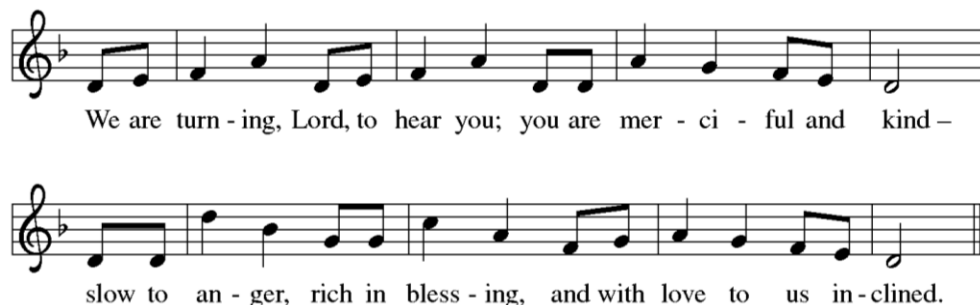


*To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.*

## Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation: (ELW p. 205)



## Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter

## Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.



<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: *ELW #815 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”***

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

**Prayers of the People** (*Adapted from Holden Evening Prayer*) –

Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

For peace and salvation, we pray to you.

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For peace between nations, for peace between peoples.

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all of your servants, who live out your gospel.

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all those who govern, that justice might guide them.

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For those who labor in service to others.

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For the health of our planet and all of creation.

**We pray for those in need:**

Marcy Laude, and her family and loved ones, as they mourn her passing;  
 Tom Nowakowski who is recovering from brain surgery and complications;  
 Craig Beyler, recovering from foot surgery;  
 Dori Timmerman, recovering from foot surgery;  
 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, daughter of Athena Minto, who is being tested for autoimmune illnesses;  
 Nancy Czarapata's brother-in-law who was diagnosed with cancer;  
 Karen, sister of Sandy Ringwall;  
 John Imp;  
 Donna Babilus;  
 Cheryl Hagfors;  
 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;  
 Earlann Wilson, sister of Jeanette Nowakowski, with cancer;  
 Anne, friend of Sandy Young;  
 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)



**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all of our loved ones, in need or in danger

*(speak the names of those in need of prayer aloud or in your hearts).*

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all the beloved, saints resting in your mercy.

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.*

**Offering**

*We share our tithes and offerings with God.*

**Offering Song ACS #1020 "Let My Spirit Always Sing"**

**Offertory Hymn: Let My Spirit Always Sing (ACS #1020)**



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

Linda and Donna, Betty Wing's sisters;  
Betty Wing;  
Joani Bettin;  
Kathy Imp;  
Marylee Dye;  
Ruth Bauer;  
Pat Koch;  
Mary Anne Markiewicz;  
Ivy Rose Eigner, granddaughter of Sandy & Charlie;  
Eric, Crystal's brother

**We keep in our prayers:**

Adoration amid the beginnings of the pastoral transition process;  
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 as she just went into remission from childhood cancer (friends of Crystal)

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

For peace among nations where war and violence rage, especially Palestine and Israel, Syria, Myanmar, Russia and Ukraine, and Sudan...  
For the restoration of collaboration and compassion among political parties and leaders...  
For hunger crises in Gaza, Sudan, and around the world...  
For contentions in the South China Sea and the Red Sea...  
For victims of the fatal plane crash in West Nashville, TN...  
For storm and flood threats in the northeastern and southern United States...  
For relief and recovery following wildfires in Texas and Minnesota...  
For the continued doctor strike in South Korea...  
For all victims of assault and abuse...  
For Muslim communities preparing to enter the holy month of Ramadan...  
In thanksgiving for the gifts and leadership of women across history and across disciplines...

## ***Meal***

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Communion Elements are brought forth to the Table by the ushers.*

### **Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray. **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

### **Proper Preface**

It's good and right, a joy-full response, that everywhere and all the time we praise God for making things right in Jesus Christ. You are full of mercy and welcome us back to your loving arms.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. And so, we join our voices with the angels, with the church across the earth and the choirs of heaven, praising your name, God, and adding our voices to the never-ending song:



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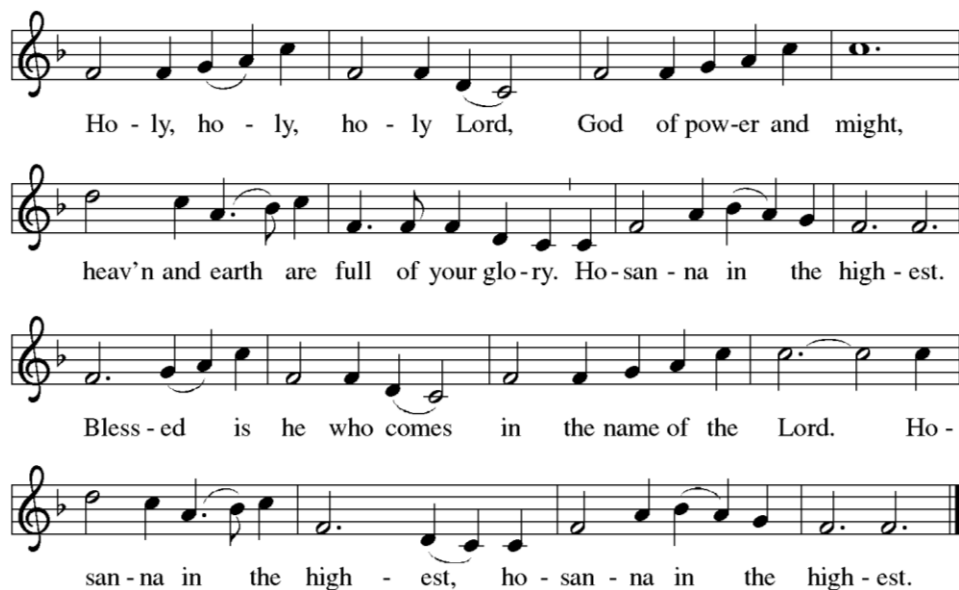
### ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*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.*

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### Sanctus (ELW p. 207)



### Eucharistic Prayer

God is here. **We praise God together.**

Let us say thank you to God, **who has done so much for us.**

God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.

All the good we see comes from you.

You have always loved us but people have not always loved you.

You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

**Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people. And so with thanks we praise you.

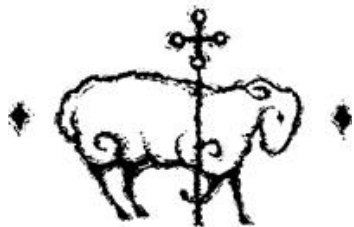
**Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

### Words of Institution

#### Remembering and Invocation of the Spirit

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him. **Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people. **Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**



*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.*



Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us. Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land we worship you and say:

**We praise you. We thank you. We bless you. Amen**

### 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

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*Please wait to come forward for Holy Communion until we have completed singing the "Lamb of God."*

### Lamb of God (ELW p. 208)

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### Communion

## Hymn During Communion

### *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* (ACS #1084)



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,  
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

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## Post-Communion Blessing

### Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.**

**As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen**

### *Sending*

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

### Benediction

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace. **Amen**

### Sending Hymn: ELW # 820 "O Savior, Precious Savior"

**Today's Lay Leaders****Lector:** Sandy Ringwall**Ushers:** Sue Clark and Judy Goodwin**Communion Assistant:**  
Jeanette Nowakowski**Altar Guild:** Deanna Posig**Music & Worship  
Coordinator:**  
Barb Regent

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**Dismissal**Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.****Postlude*****Adoration Lutheran Church****A Congregation of the**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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