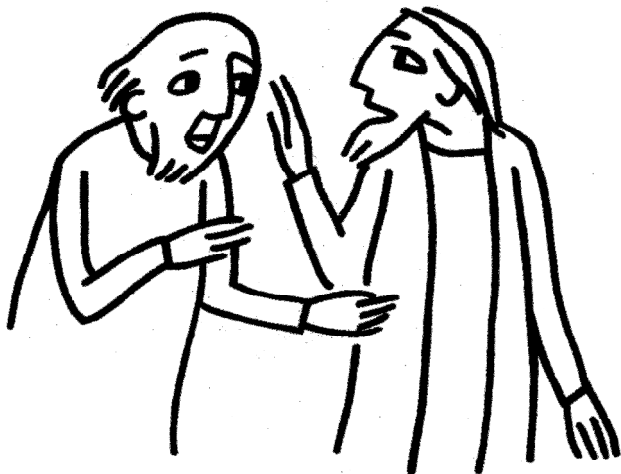


Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2009 † 10:00 a.m. Worship



All Are Welcome Here!

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church proclaims that the Gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally. We rejoice in the manner in which diversity has enriched, nurtured and challenged the life and ministry we share in Christ. We know that the world is often an unloving place and that the experience of alienation is all too common. Because Christ reconciles us, we welcome people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical and mental abilities, educational levels, and socioeconomic backgrounds. We strive to be an evermore welcoming community. Following the example of Christ, we extend a most heartfelt welcome to all.

Please power off all cell phones
to avoid interference with our sound system!



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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

To our guests....

Welcome to

Gustavus Adolphus!

GA is a diverse community of faith. We celebrate that diversity in our worship, using a variety of traditional, contemporary, and multicultural styles.

Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers during worship. Ushers can direct you to the nursery.

Children's bulletins and activity bags are also available from ushers. We value children in worship!

Please fill out the Blue Insert in the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate.

Join us for refreshments after worship downstairs in Fellowship Hall...out the door, turn left, and down the stairs.

Please join us again.

Welcome to worship!

Guests, we are blessed with your presence and encourage you to fill out the blue insert in your bulletin, and place it in the offering plate.

Worship Notes:

Numbers marked with the word “page...” in small case are found in the front portion of ELW (the red hardcover hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship) at the bottom left and right corners of the page.

Numbers marked with the word “HYMN...” in caps are found in the back portion of ELW in the upper left and right corners of the page.

The liturgical portions of today’s worship are from Setting Four of our worship book. Everyone is encouraged to participate fully in congregational singing. Page numbers are provided for each liturgical piece.

✝ Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Setting by Donald Busarow

Lift High the Cross

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW HYMN 660

Lift High the Cross

✝ GREETING

ELW page 147

☐ 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.**

✝ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW page 148

Glory to God in the Highest

✝ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4–9

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens —
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

SECOND READING

James 3:1–12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

✝ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW page 151

*Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

✝ GOSPEL

Mark 8:27–38

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit

Introduction to the Day

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are given by Vi Dorumsgaard in celebration of the birthdays of son Dan and of Gail Bradford.





Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Elizabeth Adams; Sundra Arvidson;
 Lucille Austad; Dorothy Benson;
 Richard Benson; Jane Bjorge;
 Nick Blackowiak; Gail Bradford;
 June Bulau, Jerry Burns;
 Ron Dorumsgaard; Jan Dunphy;
 Mary Femrite; Kara Fraser;
 Helen Gulsvig; Jeanette Hakala;
 Beth Huble; Kim Huseonica;
 Dawn Jackson; Gladys Johnson;
 Ruth Johnson; Kallie Koolmo;
 Lars Lieving; Carolyn Lundeen;
 John Madden; Brad Morris;
 Nikki Navratil; Thomas Palkowski;
 Joe Pecoraro; Kathy Pederson;
 Evie Ramin, Gladys Rorwick;
 Jim Rorwick; Dennis Rostad,
 Cory Saba; Norma Saba;
 Arlene Wallace; Roy & Beverly
 Warne; Marion White; Vera Woll;
 Donna; and members who are
 homebound or in nursing homes.

Those in the military including
 Tommy Berry, Wesley Fujan
 (Karlolyn Ross' son), Ricky Jantz,
 Samantha Klopping, and
 Austine Weise.

Additional Prayer Requests:

In addition to the church prayers, you
 may request a personal prayer. Please
 fill out a pink slip from the pew and
 place it in the offering plate. This
 request is confidential and will be
 prayed for by the Faith & Prayer
 group. You do not need to give us
 your name.

their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who
 are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation,
 of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of
 his Father with the holy angels."

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

SERMON

Pastor Stefan Rickman

✦ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW HYMN 798

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the
 church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
 trusting in your mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

✦ PEACE

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Stefan

MEAL

OFFERING (*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,
 including the care of those in need.*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

How Beautiful Gustavus Bells
 Paris/Larson

✦ OFFERTORY

ELW HYMN 184

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord

✦ GREAT THANKSGIVING

Preface (chanted)
 "Holy, holy, holy Lord..." (Sanctus)

ELW page 152
 ELW page 153

✦ THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

✦ THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW page 154

C 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 AND DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb of God

ELW page 154

Praise and Thanks and Adoration

ELW HYMN 783

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW HYMN 471

✦ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken. May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

✦ BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

✦ SENDING SONG

ELW HYMN 400

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

COMMUNITY TIME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ DISMISSAL

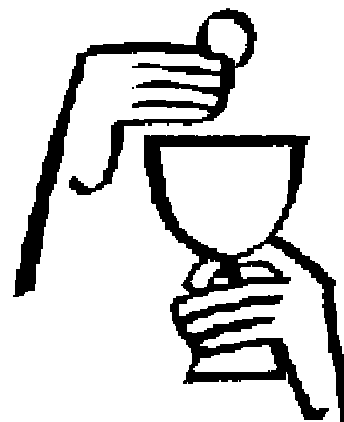
A Go in peace. Be the church!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

arr. Kerrick

Flourish – God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



*Please join us for
The Lord's Supper*

All are invited to join us in the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine and that we receive God's grace and forgiveness through this meal. Those adults and children not communing with us are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please receive a wafer and dip it into the larger chalice containing wine or into the smaller chalice containing grape juice.

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Serving

Ministers -----	The Baptized people of GA Church
Presiding Minister -----	Pastor Stefan Rickman
Assisting Minister -----	Will Huseonica
Minister of Worship and Music -----	Phil Holzman
Lector-----	Ali Holzman
Acolytes -----	Luke Bonde, Stephen Lurvey
Greeters -----	Mary Larson; Brandon & Connor Arneson
Nursery Attendants -----	Mandy Larson, Taryn Streed
Coffee Server-----	Linda Lindahl
Bus Driver -----	Joel Lurvey
Ushers -----	Gary Arvidson, Bev Moody, Bev Prawalsky, -----Mike Prawalsky, Paul Sandell, June Schafer

Our Mission

We, a spiritual
home of believers in
Jesus Christ will
Worship faithfully,
Welcome our neighbors
and
Work in the world.

JOSEPH REHEARSALS IN SEPTEMBER

Two rehearsals this week!

Starting this week, we will have Tuesday and Thursday night practices. Tuesdays will be "blocking" rehearsals with director Justin Navratil; Thursdays will be music rehearsals with music director Phil Holzman.



WORSHIP & MUSIC AT GA

CHOIR START-UPS FOR FALL

Our four choirs will all be meeting this week on Wednesday night. The schedule is as follows...

- GA Choristers for children grades 1-5 at 5:45 p.m.
- Gustavus Bells at 6:30 p.m.
- Contemporary Choir at 6:30 p.m.
- Senior Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Some MYTHS about choir membership

(1st in a series)...

If you think you are "marginal" in your singing ability, you shouldn't sing in the choir. **Not true!**

In this case, singing with the choir is especially appropriate. We teach. We learn. We carry each other, and we do not require solos.

No auditions necessary, either.

There is more information and detail about our choirs in the September *Gazette* and on the Worship and Music page of our website (www.gachurchmpls.org).

BEYOND G.A.

AUGUSTANA APARTMENTS OF MINNEAPOLIS

invites you to a special seminar presented by:
Diane Bjorkman, co-owner of *Gentle Transitions*

- Learn how to: Sort your possessions ~
 - Decide what to SAVE, SHARE, SELL or STORE
 - ~Profit from an estate sale ~Sell items on the internet
 - ~Pack and unpack ~Select a moving company
- Refreshments will be served.

Drawings will be held for door prizes.

Join us on **Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 1:30 pm.**

R.S.V.P. by **Monday, September 14 at 612-238-5255.**

The entrance to Augustana Apartments is
1510 – 11th Avenue South in Minneapolis.

14TH ANNUAL AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN WORSHIP

September 20, 2:30 p.m., Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Road, Edina

Join us for a hymn sing and service with Holy Communion. The liturgy will be of the former Augustana Lutheran Church. Preacher will be Rev. John E. Dragelin; Presiding Ministers: Rev. David Spong and Rev. Shawn Mai; and Organist: Dr. John O. Swanson. Refreshments and fellowship following worship. All are welcome. For questions, contact Normandale at 952-929-1697.

2009 Fall LEAFS (Life Enrichment Adult Forums)

Mondays, Sept 21, Oct 5 & 19, Nov 2, 9am-1pm (includes lunch). St. Phillip's Lutheran Church (9/21 & 10/5) or Faith UMC (10/19 & 11/2). The cost is \$38 for the series or \$12 per session.(advance) or \$40 for the series or \$14 per session (at the door)

For more info call St. Phillip's at 763-571-1500

FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

TODAY at 9:15 a.m. — Prayer

(Downstairs in the FAITH ROOM)

The prayer time in the Faith Room provides the opportunity to pray with others, to pray for specific concerns submitted to GA-Church, and to spend intentional time listening to God.

TODAY at 11:30 a.m.— Orientation Session Faith Formation Orientation Session for ALL Ages (Upstairs in the CHAPEL)

Details about classes and other learning opportunities, events, and programs related to Faith Formation will be shared. We'll begin in the CHAPEL at 11:30 a.m. After a time for information-sharing and questions-and-answers, everyone will have the chance to roam about building to become familiar with the various settings for faith education.

- Cradle Roll (parents, infants, and toddlers)
- Sunday School (3 year olds—Fifth Grade students)
- Confirmation (Sixth—Eighth Grade students)
- High School (Freshmen—Senior students)
- Post-Confirmation/Adult Offerings
- Multi-generational Opportunities

TODAY at Augsburg College — 2:00—6:30 p.m. Jesus, Justice, Jazz — The Tour Limit — 550 people — First-come-first-served \$15 at door (all proceeds go to ELCA World Hunger)

- 2:00-3:00 p.m. — Registration
- 2:30-4:00p.m. — Servant UN-Fair
(12 rooms of interactive social justice experiences)
- 4:10 p.m. — Doors Open for the Concert
- 4:30-6:30p.m. — **Concert** featuring *Agape* (David Scherer), *Rachel Kurtz*, and *Lost and Found*

WEDNESDAY at 11:00 a.m. — Study Group

PAUL: A Novel by Walter Wangerin, Jr. is the touchstone for our Wednesday morning conversations. On the 16th, the group will begin a multi-session discussion of Part Three of **PAUL: A Novel** (pp. 185-315). There are still **PAUL** books available — and, you are welcome to join the group whenever your schedule allows. For details about this Wednesday group or the Wangerin book, speak with Director of Faith Formation, Diane Ott-Hager.

WEDNESDAY, September 16th at 6:30 p.m.

GENESIS: A Living Conversation

The **GENESIS** group will take a one week hiatus and resume on Wednesday, the 23rd. God bless your week of reading and studying this first book of scripture.

WEDNESDAY, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Orientation (with pie!)

6th—8th Grade students and parents will come together to learn about the 2009-2010 confirmation program, events, and expectations ... oh, and there will be pie! Thanks be to God!

WEDNESDAY, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

GENESIS: A Living Conversation — Joan Mitchell, the group's teacher-facilitator, invites you to join the group on the 23rd at 6:30 p.m. The group has begun the Jacob-cycle by unpacking ***The Blessed Deception***. After a one week hiatus (on the 16th) we'll continue the Rebecca, Isaac, Jacob and Esau conversation on the 23rd.

THURSDAY, September 24th at 7:00 p.m.

***Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith* by Diana Butler Bass**

If you wish to examine and/or order one of ***Christianity for the Rest of Us*** (\$10.00), a perusal copy is in the Narthex. For more information about the book, visit: <http://www.dianabutlerbass.com>

Sign-up if you want Diane Ott-Hager to secure a copy of Bass' book for you.!

Some thoughts about Faith Formation from GA-Church Leaders ...

Faith Formation is for all ages. It means hearing the Word, studying with others and daring to learn something new. We understand the stories and lessons differently at every age. We are never finished learning all that God has to teach us.

I like the "invitation" and "relationship" language. For me, I like making it personal: Faith Formation is an invitation to enhance your/my relationship with God and others.

I also think that faith formation at GA is an invitation to grow as a community and learn from each other as part of the body of Christ and to discern what God's will for our congregation is.

***Faith Formation at GA-Church is
an invitation to grow in relationship
with God. Listen! God is calling!***

Contact Director of Faith Formation

Diane Ott-Hager 612-789-7256, ext. 12 ... or ...
dianeh@gachurchmpls.org, for information about the Faith Formation offerings you see listed here or to offer perspective and/or suggestions about additional Faith Formation opportunities.

THIS WEEK AT GA

CONTACT US

SUNDAY, September 13—*Pentecost 15*

9:15 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Worship
Fellowship follows Worship
11:30 a.m. Faith Formation Orientation Session
2:00 p.m. *Jesus, Justice, Jazz* tour at Augsburg College

MONDAY, September 14

9:15 a.m. Music Ensemble
9:30 a.m. LSSA
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

TUESDAY, September 15

9:00 a.m. Rippin Rollers
9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Music Ensemble
1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle
6:15 p.m. Music Ensemble
6:30 p.m. "Joseph" rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 16

11:00 a.m. *The Life of the Apostle Paul—DVD*
5:45 p.m. GA Choristers rehearsal (Gr. 1-5)
6:30 p.m. Contemporary Choir rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Gustavus Bells rehearsal
6:30 p.m. NO *GENESIS* (*one week hiatus*)
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation
7:30 p.m. Art & Craft Fair meeting
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 17

4:00 p.m. Farmer's Market (until 7 p.m.)
5:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal
6:30 p.m. "Joseph" rehearsal
7:00 p.m. NA (Narcotics Anonymous)

FRIDAY, September 18

10:15 a.m. Music Ensemble
5:00 p.m. Huble-Prawalsky Wedding

SATURDAY, September 19

10:15 a.m. Music Ensemble
1:00 p.m. Homebound Visits

SUNDAY, September 20—*Pentecost 16*

9:15 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Worship
Fellowship follows Worship
11:30 a.m. Faith Formation
2:00 pm "Joseph" rehearsal

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*While these are usual working times, schedules are flexible depending on ministry needs. Staff might even be here outside of posted hours. It's always wise to call before coming in. Staff regularly checks their voicemail and email.

BOTTLE CAP COLLECTION IS FINISHED

Please do NOT bring any more bottle caps to GA.
Thanks to everyone who participated!