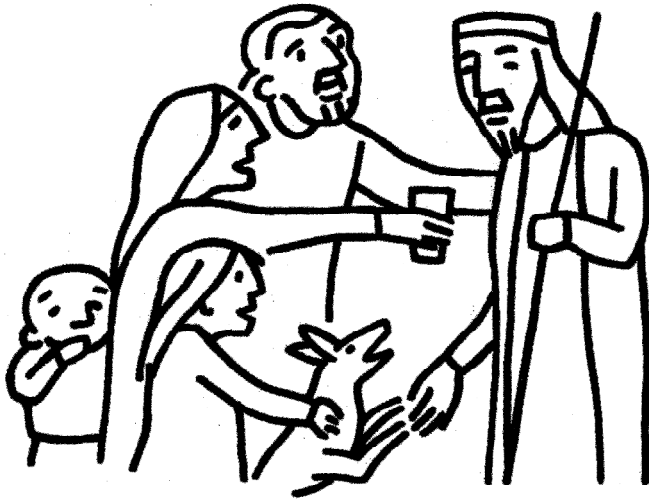


Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2009 † 10:00 a.m. Worship



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!

GA

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Lutheran Church**

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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.

✝ Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Attributed to Bach

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW HYMN 853

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Verse 1 – All voices

Verse 3 – All voices

Verse 2 – Female voices

Verse 4 – Male voices

Verse 5 – All voices

✝ GREETING

ELW page 147

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

✝ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

ANTHEM

GA Choristers

Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands

Mark Patterson

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once — if I have found favor in your sight — and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the

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 One of our worship book. Everyone is encouraged to participate fully in congregational singing. Page numbers are provided for each liturgical piece.

LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

SECOND READING

James 5:13–20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

✝ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW page 102



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
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Verse (sung by the GA Choristers)...

Your word, O Lord, is truth;
sanctify us in the truth.

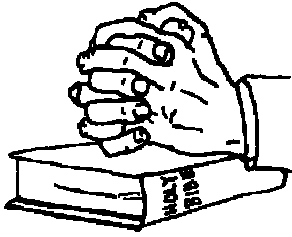
Introduction to the Day

Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

Altar Flowers

- The Altar flowers are given by*
- *Jeanette Seals in memory of mother, Bernice, and in honor of Michelle's 30th birthday.*
 - *John and Pam Pivko in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.*





Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Elizabeth Adams; Sundra Arvidson;
 Lucille Austad; Dorothy Benson;
 Richard Benson; Jane Bjorge;
 Nick Blackoniak; 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;
 Carolyn Lundeen; John Madden;
 Brad Morris; Thomas Palkowski;
 Joe Pecoraro; Kathy Pederson;
 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
 (Karolyn Ross' son), Ricky Jantz,
 Samantha Klopping, and
 Austine Weise.

NOTE: People remain on the
 prayer list until they or a family
 member notify Pastor Stefan or
 Tracey Gennrich. Many
 members have chronic and
 on-going needs. Can we pray too
 often for our members?

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.

✠ GOSPEL

Mark 9:38–50

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

SERMON

Pastor Stefan Rickman

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW HYMN 806

O God, My Faithful God

✠ 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.**

MEAL

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

You Are the Seed

Senior Choir

Cesáreo Gabaraín

✦ OFFERTORY

ELW HYMN 184

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord

✦ GREAT THANKSGIVING

Preface (chanted)

ELW page 107

“Holy, holy, holy Lord...” (Sanctus)

ELW page 108

✦ THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

✦ THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW page 112

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 112

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW HYMN 754

✦ 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.

*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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Our Mission

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

✦ SENDING SONG

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Verses 1, 4, 5, and 6

ELW HYMN 719

COMMUNITY TIME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Be the church!

G **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

G. F. Handel

Serving

Ministers ----- The Baptized people of GA Church
 Presiding Minister ----- Pastor Stefan Rickman
 Assisting Minister ----- Gary Anderson
 Minister of Worship and Music ----- Phil Holzman
 Lector ----- Julie O'Donnell
 Acolytes -----
 Greeters ----- Jean Boyce, Susan Murphy
 Nursery Attendants ----- Jenny Arneson, Loralie Schuchard
 Coffee Servers ----- Liberia Tuition Coordinators
 Bus Driver ----- Brian Hendrickson
 Ushers ----- Gary Arvidson, Bev Moody, Bev Prawalsky,
 ----- Mike Prawalsky, Paul Sandell, June Schafer

WORSHIP & MUSIC AT GA

CHOIR PRACTICES on WEDNESDAY

Our four choirs will all be meeting this week on Wednesday night. It's certainly not too late to join one of our groups for the new year. Please consider yourself invited!

- 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

(3rd in a series)...

It's a "drag" on the schedule. **Not true!**

Most who sing in a choir do not find this to be the case.

The rehearsals are invigorating and do not feel like

tedium. We have a good time but we also work hard.

There is more information and detail about our choirs on the Worship and Music page of our website.

JOSEPH REHEARSALS

Three rehearsals this week!

The cast will have practice today, Tuesday and Thursday this week. Tuesday will be "blocking" rehearsal with director Justin Navratil; today and Thursday will be music rehearsals with music director Phil Holzman.



TICKETS for GA's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat* will go on sale **later this week ... on Thursday, Oct. 1.** Production dates are Nov. 6 and 7 (evening performances) and Nov. 8 (matinee). The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Tickets will be available at the Craft Show on Saturday and every Sunday morning during fellowship time. Cast members will also have tickets to sell.

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.

TODAY at 9:15 a.m. — Prayer
(Downstairs in the FAITH ROOM)

The prayer time in the Faith Room provides a chance to pray with others, to pray for specific concerns submitted to GA-Church (on the pink pew slips), and to spend some intentional time listening to God with few distractions.

TODAY at 11:30 a.m. — Sunday School
(Upstairs and Downstairs in the Education Wing)

This day marks the first Sunday that students (Infants/Toddlers, 3-4-year-olds, Kindergarteners, and students in Grades 1-5), Middle and High School students, and adults will meet in age-specific classrooms to learn and share the Good News.

Cradle Roll Conversations
(Downstairs Lounge Area outside of the Kitchen)
Informal/comfortable conversations for families with children younger than age three years.

Pre-School and Kindergarten Sunday School
(Downstairs in the Education Wing Classrooms)

Grades 1-5 Sunday School
(Upstairs in the CHAPEL for Devotions
Classes meet Upstairs— Education Wing Classrooms)

Middle School, High School, Adult Offerings
(Various Locations throughout the building)

- +**Music Ministry** – Phil Holzman, Minister of Worship and Music, regularly rehearses with instrumentalists and vocalists on Sundays
- +**Media and Ministry** – Scripture and faith topics are discussed through various media
- +**Sunday Study** - Informal/comfortable conversation regarding the WORSHIP (i.e., Scripture, liturgy, hymns, songs, sermon, and so forth)
- +**Sunday School Assistant** – Support this ministry by serving as an aide
- +**Fellowship/Kitchen Assistant** – Support this ministry by serving as an aide

WEDNESDAY, September 30th at 11:00 a.m.
PAUL: A Novel by Walter Wangerin, Jr. is the touchstone for our Wednesday morning conversations. On the 30th the group will continue a multi-session discussion of Part Three of ***PAUL: A Novel*** (pp. 185-315). There is still one PAUL book available — and you are welcome to join the group. For details about this Wednesday group or the Wangerin book, speak with Director of Faith Formation, Diane Ott-Hager.

WEDNESDAY, September 30th at 6:30 p.m.
GENESIS: A Living Conversation
Joan Mitchell, the group’s teacher-facilitator, invites you to join the conversation. The group has begun the Jacob-cycle by unpacking ***The Blessed Deception*** and ***God Wrestling***. The group will continue the Rebecca, Isaac, Jacob and Esau discussion on the 30th.

Here’s a reflection from one of the GENESIS participants: *Joan is amazing! She has the Hebrew Bible and commentaries at her fingertips, as she teaches us. When she reads, she reads from the Hebrew. When she teaches, she reveals word plays, literary patterns, and all sorts of nuggets that make the faith stories in GENESIS come alive. There’s so much to learn from these scripture-stories; and I learn from the others in class. I’ve grown in my faith and in appreciation of GENESIS, learning from Joan and the others. This class is a blessing to me!*

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
The October Book Selection for Discussion
*"When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." With these words, in **The Cost of Discipleship**, Dietrich Bonhoeffer gave powerful voice to the millions of Christians who believe personal sacrifice is an essential component of faith. Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor and theologian, was an exemplar of sacrificial faith: he opposed the Nazis from the first and was eventually imprisoned in Buchenwald and hung by the Gestapo in 1945. **The Cost of Discipleship**, first published in German in 1937, was Bonhoeffer's answer to the questions, "What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today?" Bonhoeffer's answers are rooted in Lutheran grace and derived from Christian scripture (almost a third of the book consists of an extended meditation on the Sermon on the Mount). -- from a portion of a review written by Michael Joseph Gross for Amazon.com*

Discussion times for Bonhoeffer’s work will be designed around the schedules of those who commit to reading and discussing this Christian classic. If you wish to examine and/or order ***The Cost of Discipleship***, a perusal copy is in the Narthex. For more information about book discussions, check the October Gazette or contact Director of Faith Formation, Diane Ott-Hager.

THIS WEEK AT GA

SUNDAY, September 27—*Pentecost 17*

9:15 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Worship
Fellowship follows Worship
11:30 a.m. Faith Formation
2:00 p.m. “*Joseph*” rehearsal

MONDAY, September 28

7:00 pm. — Small Group Leaders Orientation
for the October 2-4 Confirmation Retreat

TUESDAY, September 29

9:15 a.m. Music Ensemble
6:30 p.m. “*Joseph*” rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, September 30

10:30 a.m. Music Ensemble
11:00 a.m. Dinner Bell Delivery
11:00 a.m. *Paul, A Novel*—Book Study
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. GENESIS
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 1

9:30 a.m. Quilters
6:30 p.m. “*Joseph*” rehearsal
NO FARMERS MARKET
7:00 p.m. NA (Narcotics Anonymous)

FRIDAY, October 2

4:00 p.m. Art & Craft Fair Setup
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat (through Sunday)

SATURDAY, October 3

9:00 a.m. Art & Craft Fair (until 4 p.m.)

SUNDAY, October 4—*Pentecost 18*

9:15 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Worship
Fellowship follows Worship
11:30 a.m. Faith Formation
2:00 p.m. “*Joseph*” rehearsal
2:00 p.m. Confirmation Students return

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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.

ART & CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, OCT 3rd

9AM-4PM

ART & CRAFT SHOW, SATURDAY, OCT 3, 9AM-4PM

Support the craft show! We've attracted over 40 artists and crafters - each selling handmade, fine quality items. Each of these artists has paid a booth fee and the best way to get them to return next year is to have a large crowd at the show. Come to the show on Saturday the 3rd. Bring your friends. Spread the word. And remember that all the proceeds from the rental fees, the food sales and the raffle go into our church budget.