

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 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.

✝ Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Setting by Bert Carlson

God of Grace and God of Glory

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW HYMN 705

God of Grace and God of Glory

✝ 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

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins —
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

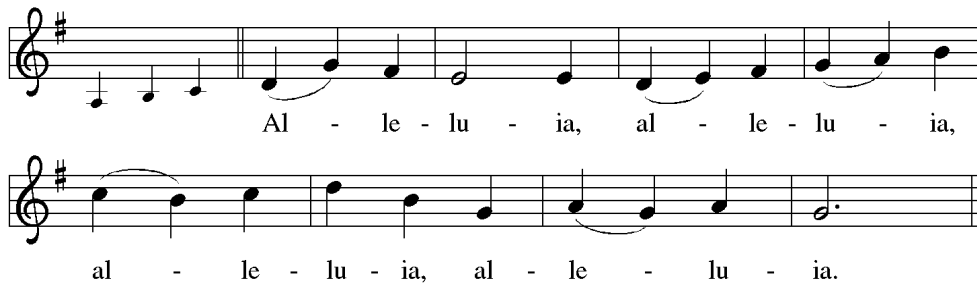
¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

✝ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW page 102



Verse (sung by a Cantor)...
Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

✝ GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to

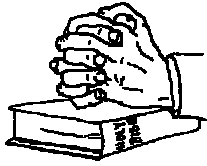
Introduction to the Day

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are given by Lon & Carlotta Rosebrock in honor of all loved ones and in celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary.





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;
 Kara Fraser; Helen Gulsvig;
 Jeanette Hakala; Beth Huble;
 Kim Huseonica; Dawn Jackson;
 Gladys Johnson; Ruth Johnson;
 Dee Kjera, Kallie Koolmo;
 Carolyn Lundeen; John Madden;
 Brad Morris; Thomas Palkowski;
 Kathy Pederson; Gladys Rorwick;
 Jim Rorwick; Dennis Rostad,
 Cory Saba; Norma Saba;
 Arlene Wallace; Roy & Beverly
 Warme; 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.

We extend Christian sympathy to Ed
 & Jan Femrite on the death of Ed's
 sister, Mary.

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.

enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one
 another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For
 mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and
 followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left
 house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my
 sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a
 hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and
 children, and fields, with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life.
³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Stefan Rickman

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW HYMN 729

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

✠ 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

Gustavus Bells
 arr. Stephenson
 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

✦ 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

Take My Life, that I May Be

ELW HYMN 685

✦ 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 807

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

COMMUNITY TIME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*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.

✝ DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Be the church!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Gordon Young

Serving

Ministers ----- The Baptized people of GA Church
Presiding Minister ----- Pastor Stefan Rickman
Assisting Minister ----- Julie O'Donnell
Minister of Worship and Music ----- Phil Holzman
Lector ----- The Lurvey Family
Acolyte ----- Luther Burns
Greeters ----- Pam Evangelist, Jeanette Seals
Nursery Attendants ----- Diana Hendrickson, Rebecca O'Donnell
Coffee Servers ----- Family of Vi Dorumsgaard
Bus Driver ----- Joel Lurvey
Ushers ----- Ray Rakoski, Ed Huble, Larry Knoebel, Dan Leba,
Paul Leba, Daryl Mattson

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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DINNER BELL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We will continue collecting items for Dinner Bell Christmas Baskets. Items include stamps, toothbrushes, paste, shampoo, soap, lotion, deodorant, etc. NO FOOD products please! Please bring items to church or take a basket to fill and return to church by Nov 1st. Questions can be directed to Micky Madden, 612-781-7313 or Carol Labelle 763-571-9125.

JOSEPH AT GA

TICKETS for GA's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat* are now on sale! Production dates are Nov. 6 and 7 (evening performances) and Nov. 8 (matinee). The cost is \$5.00 per ticket.

Tickets are available every Sunday morning during fellowship time. Cast members also have tickets to sell or you may contact the church office.



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

The design and intention of most of the Faith Formation offerings is that even the first-time visitor could jump into the faith conversation.

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 G.A., and to spend intentional time listening to God.

10:00 a.m. — WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP follows WORSHIP

Chimes will indicate the transition between Fellowship and Faith Formation time

TODAY at 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

(Upstairs and Downstairs in the Education Wing)

Cradle Roll Conversations happen downstairs in the

Lounge Area outside of the Kitchen —

Informal/comfortable conversations for families with children younger than age three years old.

Sunday School

Downstairs for Pre-School/Kindergarten Classes

Upstairs for First – Fifth Grade Classes

Middle School, High School, Adult Offerings

+**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 - as of last Sunday, this group will no longer meet—which will make way for a series of topical Adult Forums in weeks to come.**

+**Sunday School Aide**

Support this ministry by serving as an assistant

+**Fellowship/Kitchen/Hospitality Aide**

Support this ministry by serving as an assistant

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.

WEDNESDAY, October 14th at 11:00 a.m.

PAUL: A Novel by Walter Wangerin, Jr. is the touchstone for our Wednesday morning conversations. On the 14th the group will continue a multi-session discussion of the second portion of Part Three of **PAUL: A Novel** (pp. 249-315). Diane still has one book — you could still join us!

WEDNESDAY, October 14th at 6:30 p.m.

GENESIS: A Living Conversation

Joan Mitchell, the group's teacher-facilitator, invites you to join the conversation. The group will continue the Joseph cycle at Genesis 40 on the 14th. Our hope/plan is to complete the story of Joseph in time for GA's November production of **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**. Come, learn all the details of how God sent Joseph to preserve life for Israel's family and all of Egypt.

Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Gospel of John – A One-Time Bible Study

On Tuesday the 20th at 7:00 p.m. the Rev. Dr. Harry Wendt will visit Mount Carmel Lutheran Church to lead a two-hour overview of the Gospel of John.

This one-time event is free and open to all members and friends of GA-Church. Mount Carmel is located at 1701 Saint Anthony Parkway (one block east of Johnson Street). Let Diane Ott-Hager know if you'll attend with her.

Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Bible and Brew: A Whole New Way to Understand

BYOB* — The inaugural GA Bible and Brew will be held at the home of Joan and Rob Mitchell (1510 27th Avenue NE — across the street from the GA); the topic: the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther and the Reformation. We'll look at sections of Romans and Galatians and view portions of the **Luther** (2003) film.

*The "BYOB" invitation stands for "*bring your own BIBLE.*" Rob and Joan have offered to provide the "brew" — that is, coffee, tea, or the beverage most linked with our Lutheran heritage — beer. If you require something else to wet your whistle, bring your own beverage in addition to your Bible.

**The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
The October Book Selection for Discussion**

In times of church renewal holy scripture naturally becomes richer in content for us. ... What did Jesus want to say to us? What does he want from us today? How does he help us to be faithful Christians today? (Bonhoeffer in the Preface to **Discipleship**)

Discussion times will be designed around the schedules of those who have committed to reading this Christian classic. To join the group, contact Director of Faith Formation, Diane Ott-Hager.

THIS WEEK AT GA

CONTACT US

SUNDAY, October 11—*Pentecost 19*

9:15 a.m. Prayer Group

10:00 a.m. Worship

Fellowship follows Worship

(Happy Birthday, Vi Dorumsgaard)

11:30 a.m. Faith Formation

MONDAY, October 12

NO LSSA Mtg.

TUESDAY, October 13

9:15 a.m. Music Ensemble

1:00 p.m. Deborah Circle

6:00 p.m. Property Committee

6:30 p.m. "Joseph" rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Church Council Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, October 14

10:30 a.m. Music Ensemble

11:00 a.m. Book Study: *Paul, A Novel*

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 15

6:30 p.m. "Joseph" rehearsal

7:00 p.m. NA (Narcotics Anonymous)

FRIDAY, October 16

SATURDAY, October 17

12:30 p.m. Merry Mates

SUNDAY, October 18—*Pentecost 20*

9:15 a.m. Prayer Group

10:00 a.m. Worship

Fellowship follows Worship

11:30 a.m. Faith Formation

11:30 a.m. "Ranked Choice Voting" education session

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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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cumulative Results through September 2009

INCOME \$223,022

EXPENSE \$276,767

DEFICIT \$(53,745)

If you have questions please talk with Larry Knoebel or Lynn Lurvey.



CELEBRATE VI DORUMSGAARD'S 70TH BIRTHDAY at Fellowship Today.

Stay and have lunch with the family if you wish.