

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 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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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

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.

Passing the Peace & Germs

Many of us shake hands or hug as we pass the Peace. If you're concerned about the spread of germs, consider this alternative: Place your hand over your heart as you say, "The Peace of Christ be with you." In this way, you are still making a physical sign to accompany the verbal word of Peace. And if you approach someone with their hand over their heart, you know they prefer not to make physical contact. Please also know that the communion servers always wash their hands immediately before distribution.

PRELUDE MUSIC – Trumpet and Organ

Te Deum

A Mighty Fortress

Charpentier

Setting by Robert Hobby

✝ CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

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✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW HYMN 652

Built on a Rock

Verse 1 – All voices

Verse 3 – All voices

Verse 2 – Female voices

Verse 4 – Male voices

Verse 5 – All voices

✝ GREETING

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☐ 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

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no

distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

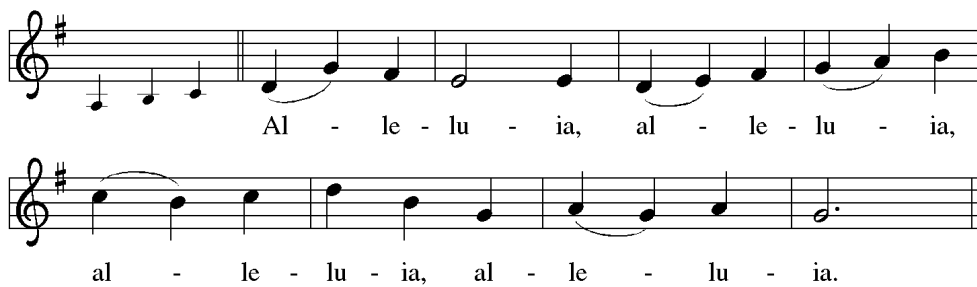
²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Verse (sung by the choir)...

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

✠ GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Stefan Rickman

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW HYMN 588

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Introduction to the Day

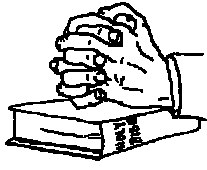
On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are given by

- *Jeanette Seals in honor of daughter, Michelle, and grandchildren and in memory of mother, Bernice.*
- *Gladys Rorwick in honor of daughter-in-law, Grace's, birthday.*





Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Elizabeth Adams; Sundra Arvidson;
 Lucille Austad; Dorothy Benson;
 Richard Benson; Jane Bjorge;
 Gail Bradford; June Bulau,
 Bobbie Burns; Jerry Burns;
 Ron Dorumsgaard; Kara Fraser;
 Helen Gulsvig; Jeanette Hakala;
 Beth Huble; Kim Huseonica;
 Dawn Jackson; Gladys Johnson;
 Ruth Johnson; Dee Kjera,
 Brandon Koolmo; 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.

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.

✠ 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 ANTHEM

I Was Glad

*GA Choristers
 Emory-Owings*

✠ OFFERTORY

ELW HYMN 184

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord

✠ GREAT THANKSGIVING

Preface (chanted)

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“Holy, holy, holy Lord...” (Sanctus)

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✠ THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

Around You, O Lord Jesus

(Senior Choir)

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arr. Keesecker

✝ 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 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

COMMUNITY TIME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Be the church!
- C** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

setting by Diane Bish

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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.



We welcome trumpeter Gerard Ahlgren to GA this morning. Gerard was part of the awesome brass quartet who played at GA on Easter Sunday. We're happy to have him return to play for our worship today.

Our Mission

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

Serving

Ministers ----- The Baptized people of GA Church
Presiding Minister----- Pastor Stefan Rickman
Assisting Minister----- Andrea Carter
Minister of Worship and Music ----- Phil Holzman
Lector ----- Julie O'Donnell
Acolytes----- Sabrina Olson, Tatianna Ridley
Greeters ----- Norma Saba, Ward Saba
Nursery Attendants----- Rob Lieving, Jenny Arneson
Coffee Servers----- Bridge Builder Participants
Bus Driver ----- Brian Hendrickson
Ushers----- Ray Rakoski, Ed Huble, Larry Knoebel, Dan Leba,
Paul Leba, Daryl Mattson

WORSHIP & MUSIC AT GA

CHOIR PRACTICES on WEDNESDAY

The schedule of choirs meeting to practice on Wednesday night is listed below. It's certainly not too late to join one of our groups for the choir year. Please consider yourself invited!

- NO GA Choristers this week
- Gustavus Bells at 6:30 p.m.
- Contemporary Choir at 6:30 p.m.
- Senior Choir at 7:30 p.m.

BEYOND G.A.

TONIGHT at Luther Seminary...

22nd annual Reformation Festival, "Singing the Faith," at 7:00 p.m. Join *Magnum Chorum* directed by Chris Aspaas for the hymn festival featuring hymns of Gracia Grindahl and Lisbeth Smedegaard Andersen. The festival is held at the Olson Campus Center, 1490 Fulham Street, St. Paul. A freewill offering will be received benefiting scholarships for Luther students.

ALL SAINTS' DAY, November 1...

The National Lutheran Choir will present a program entitled *Sing With All the Saints in Glory*. The choir is directed by David Cherwien. Two performances will be offered that day...

- 4:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Lutheran, Mahtomedi
- 7:30 p.m. Normandale Lutheran, Edina

Tickets are available in advance (\$20 for adults; \$10 for students) by calling 612-722-2301 and will be available at the door.

JOSEPH AT GA

TICKETS for GA's production of
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat
are now on sale!

The time is coming close! Production dates are November 6 and 7 (evening performances) and Sunday, November 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.

This production has been a monumental undertaking for our cast. The cast is now rehearsing completely by memory; the stage platform will be put into place this week. You will not want to miss this performance of a very well-known show by members of our GA family. Invite family and friends to join you!



FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

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)

PRAYER time is the opportunity to connect 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—LUTHER!

For Reformation and the Sundays in November, we'll enjoy portions of media depictions of our blessed brother, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther.

+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.

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 GA); the topic: the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther and the Reformation. We'll look at sections of Romans and Galatians.

*The "BYOB" part of the 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.**

WEDNESDAY, October 28 at 11:00 a.m.

PAUL: A Novel by Walter Wangerin, Jr. is the touchstone for our Wednesday morning conversations. On the 28th the group will move into Part Four, *Ephesus*, of **PAUL: A Novel** (pp. 319-416). Diane still has one book — join us!

WEDNESDAY, October 28 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 46 (Jacob brings the family down to Egypt). Joan predicts that it is possible that we will complete the story of Joseph this Wednesday. Come, learn all the details of how God sent Joseph to preserve life for Israel's family and all of Egypt.

Next Sunday—November, 1, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Pot Luck Fellowship and Table Talk
At Mount Carmel Lutheran Church (MtC) (one block east of Johnson Street on Saint Anthony Parkway). Pastor Dodd Lamberton of MtC will lead the learning portion of our Table Talk. God's gift of money, stewardship, and other financial concerns will be the focus for our family friendly Table Talk.

Everyone is to bring a food contribution to share at the Pot Luck at MtC. The idea behind a pot luck event is that it is a community meal — everyone shares in the cost and preparation of the meal. Every family should plan to bring a meal-portion sufficient to serve not only their family, but at least two-to-four (2-4) additional guests. **GA-Church families are to bring a fruit or vegetable salad, veggie tray or a dessert to share.** Call Diane with questions or concerns.

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer The October (and November) Book Selection

This group has established meeting dates that will begin *after* our *Joseph!* Production. **Meeting One will be Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.** The reading assignment: any introductory notes and chapter one, *Costly Grace*. Watch the Gazette and future bulletins for additional meeting times.

THIS WEEK AT GA

SUNDAY, October 25—*Reformation Sunday*

9:15 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Worship
Fellowship follows Worship
11:30 a.m. Faith Formation

MONDAY, October 26

5:00 p.m. Henry Soccer Team Banquet
7:00 p.m. Bible & Brew at Mitchells'

TUESDAY, October 27

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

WEDNESDAY, October 28

10:30 a.m. Music Ensemble
11:00 a.m. Book Study: *Paul, A Novel*
11:00 a.m. Dinner Bell delivery
5:45 p.m. **NO** GA Choristers rehearsal
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 29

6:30 p.m. "*Joseph*" rehearsal
7:00 p.m. NA (Narcotics Anonymous)

FRIDAY, October 30

SATURDAY, October 31

SUNDAY, November 1—*All Saints' Day*

9:15 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Worship
Fellowship follows Worship
11:30 a.m. Faith Formation
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Table Talk

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER

Saturday, November 14
4:00-7:00 p.m.

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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.

DINNER BELL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

DON'T FORGET, 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 1. Questions can be directed to Micky Madden, 612-781-7313, or Carol Labelle, 763-571-9125.