

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2009 ✝ 10:00 a.m.



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.

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.

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 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. Please join us for coffee hour down stairs following the service...out the door, turn left, and down the stairs.

Candles are lit in memory of those of the GA community who have passed away during the past year:

Helen Sanderson

Bernice (Bea) Cruciani

Madge Danielson

*Francis (Corky)
Hanlon*

Lorayne Childs

Ardell Bjorge

Don Markow

*Pauline (Polly)
Anderson*

Ivie Senum

Russell Helmbrecht

Vera Samuelson

Erma Anderson

Carolyn Lundeen

✝ Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Setting by Dale Wood

Shall We Gather at the River

GATHERING SONG

ELW HYMN 422

For All the Saints

The candles brought forth during the hymn commemorate those from GA who have passed away this past year and will be brought forth by the family and friends of the deceased.

✝ 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

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

ANTHEM

Jesus, Son of Mary

Senior Choir
arr. J. Bankson

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

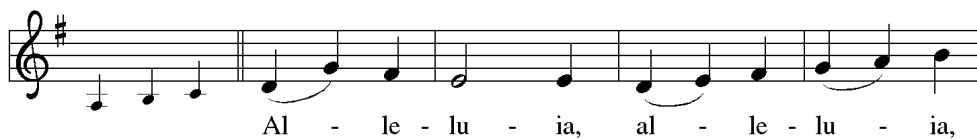
⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done!"

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

✝ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Page 102



Choir: They are before the throne of God,
and the one who is seated on the throne
will shelter them. **Repeat "Alleluia."**

✝ GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Introduction to the Day

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

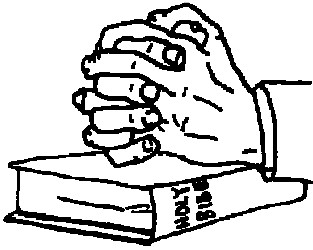
All Saints Day

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for today are given by Vi Dorumsgaard in celebration of Amy Solberg and other family members.





Continuing Prayer Concerns:

*Elizabeth Adams; Lucille Austad;
Dorothy Benson; Richard Benson;
Jane Bjorge; Gail Bradford;
Bobbie Burns; Jerry Burns;
Ron Dorumsgaard; Kara Fraser;
Helen Gulsvig; Jeanette Hakala;
Eleanor Harff; Beth Huble;
Kim Huseonica; Dawn Jackson;
Gladys Johnson; Ruth Johnson;
Kallie Koolmo; John Madden;
Brad Morris; Susan Murphy;
Thomas Palkowski; Kathy Pederson;
Gladys Rorwick; Jim Rorwick;
Dennis Rostad; Cory Saba;
Norma Saba; Ward Saba;
Donna Thoiland, Arlene Wallace;
Roy & Beverly Warme;
Marion White; Vera Woll; Donna;
and members who are homebound or
in nursing homes.*

*The family and friends of Carolyn
Lundeen whose funeral was held on
Wednesday. The family and friends of
Erma Anderson*

*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.

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

4 *your name.*

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

Pastor Stefan Rickman

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW HYMN 423

Shall We Gather at the River

✠ 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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Setting by Paul Manz

Jesus, Lead Thou On

✠ OFFERTORY ELW HYMN 184
Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

✠ 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

☐ We pray as Jesus taught us:

☑ *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
Blest Are They ELW HYMN 728

✠ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☐ O God, our provider, you nourish us with holy food and drink, and you open our hearts to the needs of others. Refresh us with your Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ *Amen.*

SENDING

✠ BLESSING

☐ 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.

☑ *Amen.*

✠ SENDING SONG ELW HYMN 414
Holy God, We Praise Your Name



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.

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.

COMMUNITY TIME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Setting by Paul Manz

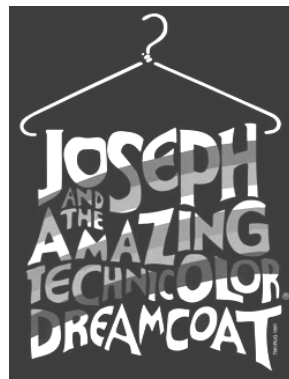
Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Serving

- Ministers -----The Baptized people of GA Church
- Presiding Minister----- Pastor Stefan Rickman
- Assisting Minister ----- Joel Lurvey
- Minister of Worship and Music ----- Phil Holzman
- Lector ----- Kayleen Pederson
- Acolytes----- Luther Burns, Bradley Ramin
- Greeters-----Pam Evangelist, Shari Hatella
- Coffee Servers -----Merry Mates
- Nursery Caregivers-----Cris Larson, Becca O'Donnell
- Ushers----- Ed Femrite, Janet Femrite, Lon Rosebrock
- Mike Madden, Dave Schuette, Kathy Schuette
- Bus Driver-----Kim Larson, Bill Turnquist

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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.



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

This is the week! "Joseph" will be presented in our sanctuary this week at the following times:

- Friday, Nov. 6, at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2:00 p.m.

The cost is \$5.00 per ticket.

**THE ONLY CHOIR
 MEETING THIS
 WEDNESDAY FOR
 REHEARSAL IS
 THE
 CONTEMPORARY
 CHOIR.**

All other choirs have a week off from rehearsal due to "Joseph" dress rehearsal!

Tickets are available this morning after worship in the Fellowship Hall. 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 is already in place.

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.

*We're working to establish an updated Prayer place. Watch future bulletins for more information and directions.

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 Students Gather Upstairs in the NARTHEX (Three Years — Students in Grade 5)

All the children will gather in the Narthex after WORSHIP (approximately 11:20 a.m.). Sunday School students, their parents, teachers, and other volunteers, will be sharing the Good News in song at Bethany Covenant Home. The group will return to GA-Church between 12:15-12:30 p.m. for a light snack before departing for home.

+Media and Ministry—LUTHER!

Downstairs in the Youth/Media Room

For the Sundays in November, we'll enjoy portions of a number of media depictions of our blessed brother, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther. Last week a few watched, *Opening the Door to Luther* **and** *The Morning Star of Wittenberg: The Life of Katie Luther*. This week we'll view Part One from the PBS "Empires" series about Luther — *The Reluctant Revolutionary*. Learn how one man reluctantly took on the most powerful institution of his day and won. Luther is credited with expounding a new vision of man's relationship with authority. Filmed across Europe - from rustic rural Germany to the opulence of Vatican City - you'll witness the collapse of the medieval world and the birth of the modern age.

TODAY — November, 1, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Pot Luck Fellowship & 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.

WEDNESDAY, November 4 at 11:00 a.m.

PAUL: A Novel by Walter Wangerin, Jr. is the touchstone for our Wednesday morning conversations. On the 4th we'll move into Part Four, *Ephesus*, of **PAUL: A Novel** (pp. 319-416). God-willing, we hope to complete our reading and discussion of this book during Advent. And, see the note (below) about the movie, **SWEET LAND**.

GENESIS: A Living Conversation has concluded.

Joan Mitchell, the group's teacher-facilitator, was part of a group of seven persons who journeyed together from creation (beginning in June) through Joseph's story (ending on the 28th). We were all blessed by Joan's breadth of knowledge, wisdom, wit, and expertise. The plan is to begin anew with Hebrew scripture in January 2010; this time with Bruce Feiler's series and book, **Walking the Bible**.

6:30 P.M. on Thursday, November 5th*

SWEET LAND (2005) 110-minutes, Film Rating— PG
It's a story about Lutherans ... it's a love story ... it's a story for all of us. When Lars Torvik's grandmother Inge dies in 2004, he is faced with a decision – sell the family farm on which she lived since 1920, or cling to the legacy of the land. Seeking advice, he turns to the memory of Inge and the stories that she had passed on to him.

Simple snacks will be provided. A brief discussion of the film will follow.

*The Wednesday 11:00 A.M. study group also has plans to view this film when they finish discussing **PAUL: A Novel**. If you'd prefer a day time showing of the film, watch future bulletins for date, time, and other details.

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.

This Week at GA

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
11:45 a.m. Finance and Stewardship Committees
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Table Talk @ Mt. Carmel

MONDAY, November 2

7:00 p.m. HR Committee

TUESDAY, November 3

9:15 a.m. Music Ensemble
1:00 p.m. WELCA Meeting
6:30 p.m. "Joseph" Tech. Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, November 4

10:30 a.m. Music Ensemble
11:00 a.m. Book Study: *Paul, A Novel*
5:30 p.m. "Joseph" Dress Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Contemporary Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 5

9:30 a.m. Quilters
5:30 p.m. "Joseph" Dress rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Movie: *Sweet Land*
7:00 p.m. NA (Narcotics Anonymous)

FRIDAY, November 6

7:00 p.m. *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat*

SATURDAY, November 7

1:00 p.m. Homebound Visits
7:00 p.m. *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat*

SUNDAY, November 8—*Pentecost 23*

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 and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat*

Beyond GA

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT—November 14-15, at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center. The cost for overnight is \$100. The cost for all day Saturday is \$50, including lunch. Hosted by Nativity Lutheran Church, this retreat has many spots open still. Julie Bonde & Connie Borhardt are presenters. Come relax and be inspired with us. Bring a friend, a sister or a daughter. Sign-up deadline is November 4th. For more info and to register, contact Sue Sorenson 651-633-6599 or Julie Bonde 612-789-6031.

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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.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

A River Hard to See: A Celtic View of the Patterns of Life
Sunday, Nov 1st 7 to 9 pm at the Carondelet Center
is being offered as an opportunity to remember what J Philip Newell's teaching stirred in us individually and collectively and how we might continue to remain awake to what the Celtic tradition offers to us now and for our future together as God's creation. The evening will truly invite prayerful "experience" by engaging the senses and the Spirit through:
~ visual art and symbols, song, instruments, dance, sacred reading
~ silence for personal reflection around themes of "awakening"
~ communal participation will be gently invited as we listen and respond prayerfully
Please consider joining us for this evening of celebration and contemplation.