

Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



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.

Our Congregation's Vision Statement

God in Christ loves us; therefore, through the Holy Spirit we will:

Do justice

- We **hope** for our community and all of God's creation
- We feed the poor and comfort the afflicted
- We welcome and **respect** our neighbor and the stranger

Love kindness

- We **love** and care for our congregation and our community
- We practice **forgiveness** locally and globally
- We strive for **compassion** and **acceptance**

Walk humbly with our God

- We find **joy** in creation
- We desire to grow in **spirituality**
- We delight in liturgical worship and creative expression

We are all children of God. Jesus calls us by name. With the Holy Spirit, we seek to live out God's grace.

Time After Pentecost Lectionary 23

September 9, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Gustavus Adolphus!

If you are a guest today, please fill out the blue slip included in today's bulletin so that we may have a record of your visit with us.

We welcome people of all ages in worship. Activity bags for children are available from the ushers.

We invite you to remain for refreshments and a time of fellowship following worship today.

Please remember to silence all electronic devices.

✝ Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Claude Debussy

Sarabande

✝ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Many people brought their greatest needs to Jesus,
certain that he would help them.
With that same confidence, let us confess our failings
and seek forgiveness.

C **Almighty and compassionate God,
every day, in our desire to
attain our wants,
avoid discomfort,
and shun those we do not know or love,
we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life.
Of this we are sorely aware,
and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit,
that we will be able, through your help,
to walk in the way you intend for us.
Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak,
our merciful God lifts our burdens from us,
removes the failures of our past,
and turns us to new life.
You are forgiven.
Walk in peace.

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 731

Earth and All Stars!

Worship Notes

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

✝ 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.**

✝ KYRIE

ELW page 138

✝ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

☛ **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4–7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

☞ Word of God. Word of life.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

Introduction to the Day

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

PSALM 146

1 I'll praise my Ma - ker while I've breath, and when my
 2 Hap - py are those whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's
 3 For God gives eye - sight to the blind, al - so sup -
 4 I'll praise you while you lend me breath, and when my

voice is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
 God, who made the sky, the earth and seas, with all their train.
 ports the faint - ing mind, and sends the trou - bled con - science peace.
 voice is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life and
 This truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, God saves the op -
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - ow
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life and

thought and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 pressed, God feeds the poor, and none shall find this prom - ise vain.
 and the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
 thought and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

SECOND READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love

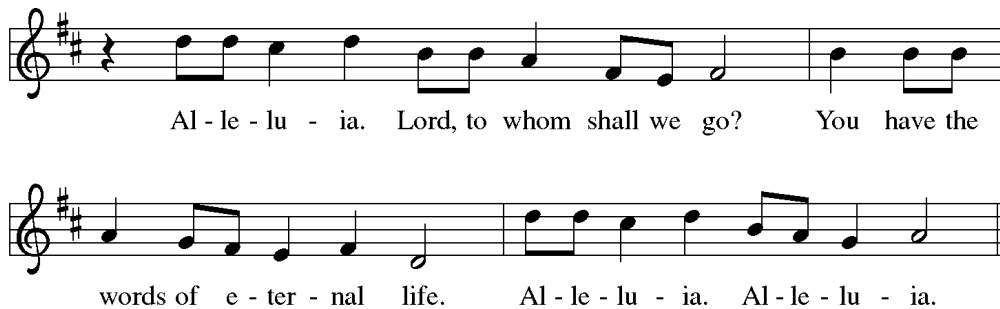
him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

+ ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Guest Pastor

We wish to welcome Pastor Gordon Braatz back to GA Church this morning. Pastor Gordon has been with us two times before as our guest presider and preacher, most recently in June. We appreciate him sharing with us again this morning. Please take time to welcome him following worship this morning.



Continuing Prayer Concerns

Joy Anderson; Jenny Arneson;
Sharon & Paul Banitt;
Mary Boatwright;
Peggy Bowman; Charline Burns;
Jean Clausen; Shirley Cropper;
Vi Dorumsgaard; Katie Falang;
Ed Femrite; Joann Femrite;
Ted Femrite; Renae Frasee;
Kara Fraser; Kimberly Garner;
Dawn Jackson; Jeff McQuarrie;
June Mondeng;
Juliana Palmer; Walt Schopf;
Arden & Joyce Swanson;
Vi Tefft; Vesta Todd;
Stephanie Vavrichuk;
Marion White; Andrew;
Annette and family; Sveah;
Gretchen; those who are home-
bound or in nursing homes or
care centers.

*Our continual prayers are offered
for peace. We pray for all of the
world's governments, leaders,
and peoples, especially for those
who work toward peace.*

*To have someone's name added
to or removed from this list,
contact Phil Holzman.*

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 726

Light Dawns on a Weary World

✠ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Confident that God hears us and know our needs, let us pray
for all creation.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

- A** Hear us, O God,
- C** **for your mercy is great.**

After the final petition...

- P** Into your hands we place the welfare of all creation, in the
name of the one whose life, death, and resurrection, and
ascension is our own life, Christ Jesus.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ PEACE

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

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC by Cassandra and Eric Weidmann

✠ OFFERTORY

ELW Hymn 184

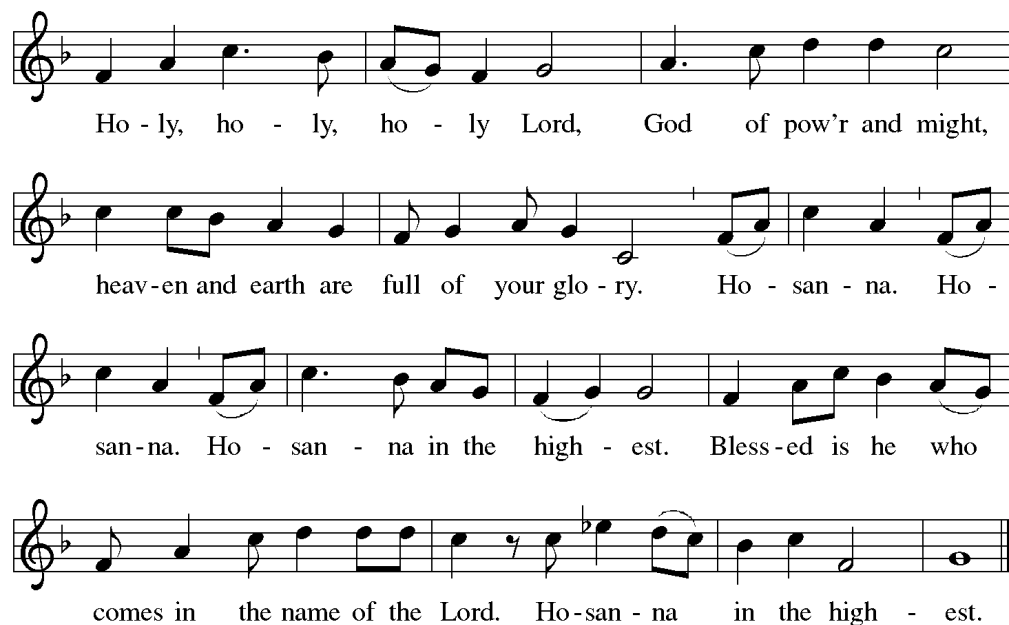
Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

✠ OFFERING PRAYER

- P** God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources
of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great
thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the
whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
- C** **Amen.**

✝ GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
 join their unending hymn...



✝ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

✝ LORD'S PRAYER

- 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

We serve communion by intinction. Receive a wafer and dip it into the larger chalice containing wine or into the smaller chalice containing grape juice.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

***We Come to You for Healing, Lord
 Healer of Our Every Ill***

ELW Hymn 617
 ELW Hymn 612



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.

There are gluten-free wafers available for those who need them. Simply indicate this to the communion server.

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✝ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine
you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life in our serving and in our
witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and
justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and
our redeemer.

C Amen.

Sending

✝ BLESSING

✝ SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 886

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

✝ DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn

Allegro maestoso e vivace

As always, you are invited to remain for the postlude
This is a movement from Mendelssohn's second organ sonata.

**God's Mission for Gustavus
Adolphus Church –**

***To build community
where God is at the center.***

Serving Today

Ministers
Presiding Minister & Preacher
Assisting Minister
Minister of Worship & Music
Lector
Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church
Pastor Gordon Braatz
Carlotta Rosebrock
Phil Holzman
Kim Huseonica
Joel Lurvey