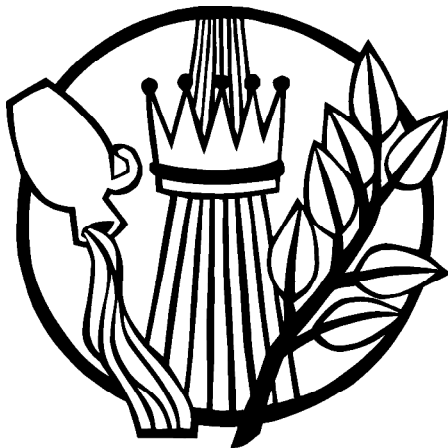


Gustavus Adolphus

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 24

September 16, 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.



Flowers

*The flowers on the altar
today are given by Mary
Ann Eide in memory of her
brother James' birth and
death on September 12.*

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.

✝ Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✝ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the ✝ holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord listens to the cries of the people
who turn with full hearts to the One who has mercy.
Let our tongues now make confession
in the presence of God and of this body.

C **Holy God,
in the face of sin, our gravest enemy,
we call to you for help.
You know our fault before we speak.
Forgive us for what we have done in opposition
to your will.
Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken
and for which we know our wrong.
We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought.
We have denied our dependence on you.
Lead us away from this grief and sorrow.
Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you
and attend to the needs of your people. Amen.**

P God, who is gracious and merciful, knows the human desire
to save our lives by avoiding Jesus' call to carry the cross.
God, who is full of compassion, also know that those
who repent have set their minds
and hearts on what endures for all time.
Your sin is forgiven you.
The Lord God is a very present help
to those who seek to follow in the way of divine things.
Go with God in joy as you take up your cross, in Jesus' name.

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 770

Give Me Jesus

✝ GREETING

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.**

✝ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Please join for the refrains. The choir will sing the verses.



C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Final refrain...



C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

✝ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: God of love, you teach us a life journey that calls us to deny what is unhealthy and unloving. Lead us in that pathway. Awaken us to the ever-new abundance that is ours through your Word, in the name of the one who died and rose, Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

Introduction to the Day

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116 – *I Shall Walk in the Presence of God*

I shall walk in the pres-ence of God. I shall walk.

With the sun and the rain up - on me I shall walk.

In the land of the liv-ing, liv - ing land I shall walk. With my

sis - ters and bro - thers a - round me I shall walk.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

I shall sing...
I shall pray...
I shall breathe...
I shall dance...

Text: Larry Dittberner
Music: I SHALL WALK. Larry Dittberner

SECOND READING

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

✠ ACCLAMATION



✠ GOSPEL

Mark 8:27–38

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.



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 Vavrichak;
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.*

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

I NOTICE... I WONDER...

SERMON

I HEAR...

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 660

Lift High the Cross

✠ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Let us pray for the church, the nations, and all people seeking God's mercy and care.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

- A** God of love,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

After the final petition...

- P** Into your hands we commend those for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ PEACE

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

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Contemporary Choir

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

✦ OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a
har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nit them with the prayers we of-fer now.
Grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence and give
us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

✦ OFFERING PRAYER

✦ 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...
- C** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might**
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (Repeat)
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
(return to the beginning)



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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✝ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

✝ LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven...

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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

Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us thy peace.

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW Hymn 808

✝ 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

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW Hymn 798

✝ DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Serving Today

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Assisting Minister
Minister of Worship & Music
Contemporary Choir Director
Lector
Sacristan
Transportation

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