

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 25

September 23, 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

Setting, Jacob Weber

Three Variations on "Hymn to Joy"

✝ CONFESSON 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 Let us give up boasting and dishonesty,
turning to the Lord with our confessions,
because the one who knows us through and through
has promised to renew us.

C **O God, who makes known to us all truth,
we confess that we are weighed down by our failings:
envy distances us from other people;
greed alerts us only to our own desires.
Where we might bring reconciliation,
we create conflicts.
Where you call us to give, we take.
Where your presence beckons, we resist.
Deal with us not as we deserve, O God,
but forgive us, cleanse us, and teach us your way.
Amen.**

P The God who loves and sustains you hears your plea.
The Lord desires for you a welcome
into the blessed community of freedom and light.
You are forgiven.
Remember the poor and the outcast,
welcome the child,
and you will know, as well, your own welcome,
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, Mother of all things, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.

✦ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 526

God Is Here!

✦ 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.**

✦ KYRIE

ELW page 138

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: Gentle Jesus, you call us to live in your name with honor and respect, fully known to you and precious in your sight. Draw us near to you each day as you teach us how to feed on your gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18–20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

James 3:13—4:3, 7–8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.⁴

Introduction to the Day

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Blessing of Sunday School, Confirmation, and Frolic

Today we bless the teachers and students who will be learning here at Gustavus Adolphus. We have Frolic for birth through 36 months, Sunday school for age 3 through 5th grade, and Confirmation for 6th through 8th grade. If you attend or teach any of these, please come forward at the appropriate time so that we may bless your efforts for the coming year.

Frolic Leaders:
Amy Huble, Sarah Olson,
Kari Navratil, Charissa Peterson

3 & 4 Year Olds:
Gayle Huble, Dee Kjera

Pre-K/Kindergarten &
1st Grade: Emily Prawalsky

2nd & 3rd Grades: Carissa Geng,
Loralie Schuchard

4th & 5th Grades:
Patrick Arneson

Craft Leaders: Mary Ann Eide,
Diana Hendrickson, Nicole Navratil, Sarah Olson

Music Leaders: Phil Holzman,
Michelle Rincken

Sunday School Coordinator:
Jenny Parker

Confirmation Teacher:
Pastor Jo Bauman Johnson

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

✠ ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠ GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

P O God, everything you do is wonderful, and I know it well.

C Teach us your ways, O God.

P Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path.

C Teach us your ways, O God.

- P** Jesus said, Let the children come to me.
- C** **Teach us your ways, O God.**
- P** Now, let's have the students line up here, and teachers, could each of you stand in front them, place your hand upon their head and say:
- R** *God's blessings to you as you learn.*
- P** Now it's the students' turn to bless! It might be too hard for students to reach upon heads, so take the hand of a teacher and say:
- R** *God's blessings to you as you teach.*
- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge. Help us to study diligently and to grow in all that is good. Support all who teach and all who learn, that together we may know and follow your ways; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

I NOTICE... I WONDER...

SERMON

I HEAR...

✦ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 641

All Are Welcome

Stanza 1	All voices
Stanza 2	Higher voices
Stanza 3	All voices
Stanza 4	Lower voices
Stanza 5	All voices

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Let us pray for the church, the world, and all earth's needs.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

A God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

After the final petition...

P We lean on your compassion, O God, and trust your promise to heed the cries of your people and answer our need, in the name of your Son, Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



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 Vavrichek; 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.

Offertory Anthem

The anthem today is a setting of a Dakota (Sioux) tune, LAC QUI PARLE. It includes the use of the Sioux word for "the sacred," "the divine," or "the great mystery": Wakantanka.



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.

✝ PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G And also with you.

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Many and Great, O God
Michelle Rinken, flute

Senior Choir
arr. Hal Hopson

✝ OFFERTORY

ELW Hymn 184

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

✝ OFFERING PRAYER

✝ GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

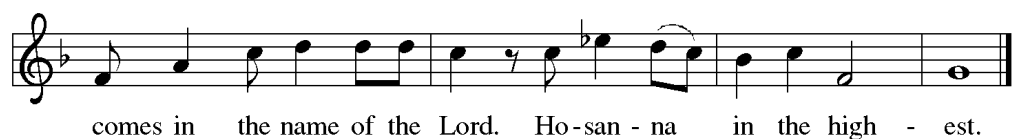
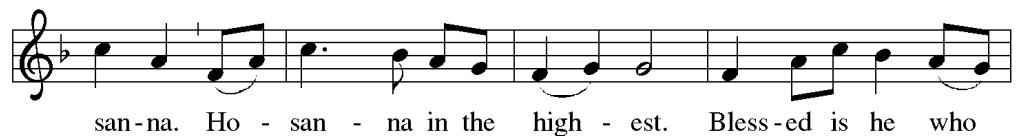
P Lift up your hearts.

G We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G 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

☪ **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

Children of the Heavenly Father ELW Hymn 781
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW Hymn 712

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☪ 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.

☪ **Amen.**

Sending

✠ BLESSING

✠ SENDING SONG ELW Hymn 431
O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

✠ DISMISSAL

☪ Go in peace. Sound the good news.

☪ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Setting, Michael Burkhardt

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

As always, you are invited to remain for the postlude.

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Gustavus Adolphus
Lutheran Church***

***love
joy
hope
compassion
spirituality
forgiveness
acceptance
respect***



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

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

Serving Today

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Assisting Minister	Joel Lurvey
Minister of Worship & Music	Phil Holzman
Lector	Lynette Paulson
Sacristan	Brock Bisping
Transportation	James Hamilton