

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 26

September 30, 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, Wayne Wold

Processional on "Praise, My Soul"

✠ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ In faithful prayer there is power to save the sick;
anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
Therefore let us confess our sins
and pray for one another
so that we may be healed.

☑ **God, our strength and savior,
you know our great transgressions,
our hidden faults, our secret sins.
With our hands we grasp at power;
with our feet we stumble into evil;
with our eyes we look out for ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
and lead us in your holy way
of life and love and peace;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

☐ Though we wander from the truth,
God brings us back and saves our souls from death.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

✠ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 864

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

✠ 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.**

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.

Glory to God in the Highest

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Word

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Introduction to the Day

Someone is casting out demons in Jesus’ name who isn’t part of Jesus’ own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus’ word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn’t do it, by people we can’t keep tabs on.

SECOND READING

James 5:13–20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9:38–50

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

- 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 676
Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

After the final petition...

- P** Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.
- C** **Amen.**

✦ PEACE

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

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Senior Choir
John Ferguson
Jesus, My Lord and God

In this dark world he is the light. Jesus, my Lord and God.
 His love and grace make all things bright. Jesus my Lord and God.
 The way, the truth and the life is he. Jesus, my Lord and God.
 He died for you and he died for me. Jesus, my Lord and God.

For hungry ones he is the bread. Jesus, my Lord and God.
 By him our souls are richly fed. Jesus, my Lord and God.
 Come now and praise him as your King. Jesus, my Lord and God.
 Lift up your hearts and with us sing. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, my Lord and God.

Ronald Klug



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

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...



*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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

✦ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

✦ LORD'S PRAYER

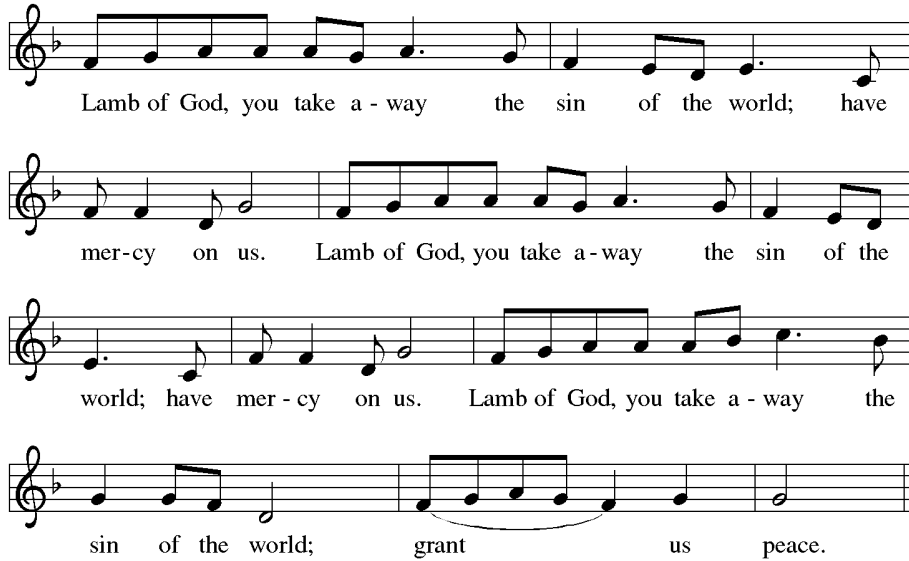
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is 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

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW Hymn 712

✝ 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 545

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

✝ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Setting, Michael Burkhardt

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

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Gustavus Adolphus
Lutheran Church**

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



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God's work. Our hands.

God's Work. Our Hands
Your gift. Your choice.

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

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

Serving Today

Ministers	The Baptized people of GA Church
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Assisting Minister	Calvin Huseonica
Minister of Worship & Music	Phil Holzman
Lector	Adrienne Bisping
Sacristan	Joan Mitchell
Transportation	Brian Hendrickson