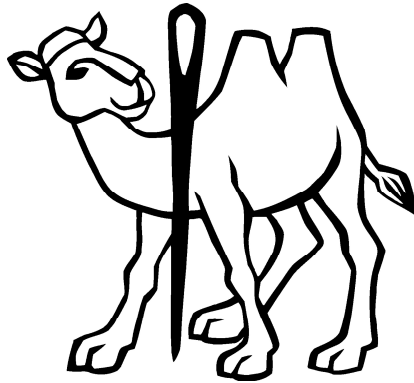


Gustavus Adolphus

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 28

October 14, 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

✠ 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 We have a great high priest
who can sympathize with our weakness:
Jesus, God's Son, our Savior.
Therefore, with confidence,
let us confess our sin.

C **God of justice and mercy, we confess
that we put ourselves first
and trust in things that will not last.
We desire the evil and scorn the good;
we gather up power and wealth
and push aside the needy in our way.
O Lord, be gracious to us
in spite of our great sin.
Teach us to love your justice
and share in your mercy.
Help us to seek the treasure
of heavenly life with you;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

P We have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens:
Jesus, God's Son, our Savior.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ GATHERING SONG

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW Hymn 705

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.**

✦ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW page 139

Glory to God in the Highest

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray: You alone are holy, O God; you alone are good. Help us to let go of worldly goods and leave lesser things behind so that we may be ready to enter your holy realm on that day when the first are last and the last are first; through Jesus Christ we pray.

☑ **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Introduction to the Day

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Guest Pastor

During Pastor Jo's medical leave, we will be welcoming guest pastors each Sunday.

Pastor Gordon Braatz is with us again today, and we are pleased to have him back as presider and preacher this Sunday.

Guest Musician

We also welcome Alan Ball as our guest musician in Phil Holzman's absence this morning. Alan has been with us any number of times as our guest organist. Today he will also be leading the bell choir. We thank him for sharing his talents with us again today.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 10:17-31

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through

the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY ELW Hymn 685
Take My Life, That I May Be

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Sometimes the troubles of the world seem impossible to address, and the burdens of our lives seem too much for us to bear. Yet we trust that, for God, all things are possible. God alone can save us.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

- A** God of mercy,
- C** **be gracious to us.**

After the final petition...

- P** O God, in whom all things are possible, we commend these prayers to you and commit our lives to seek your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

+ PEACE

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

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Grazioso

Gustavus Bells
Georg Philipp Telemann
Arr. S. Drummond Wolff
Edited for Handbells, Donald Allured



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; Bre; Pastor Jo; those
who are homebound 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.**

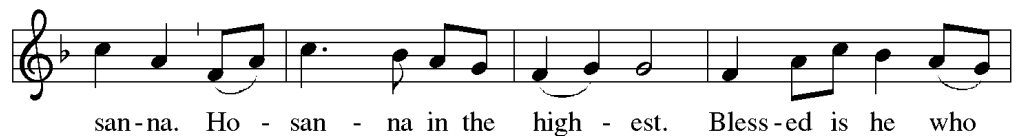
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
join their unending hymn...



*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.



✦ 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

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Allelu, alleluia.

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW Hymn 479

✠ 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

We Are Called

ELW Hymn 720

✠ DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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 work. Our hands.

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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	Justin Navratil
Minister of Music	Alan Ball
Lector	Lynette Paulson
Sacristan	Aaron Bisping
Transportation	Joel Lurvey