

# 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 27

October 7, 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

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✝ GATHERING SONG ELW Hymn 835  
*All Creatures, Worship God Most High*

### ✝ 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.**

### ✝ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: Faithful God, we give you thanks that nothing can separate us from your love. Receive us as beloved children so that we may enter your presence this day and abide with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Word

### FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18–24

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

## PSALM 8 – How Majestic

Please join the choir on the Refrain.  
The choir will sing the verses.

Oh Lord, how ma-jes-tic is \_\_\_ Your name \_\_\_ in all the earth; \_ Oh Lord, .

\_\_\_ how ma-jes-tic is \_\_\_ Your name. \_\_\_ Oh

Lord, how ma-jes-tic is \_\_\_ Your name \_\_\_ in all the earth; \_ Oh Lord, .

\_\_\_ how ma-jes-tic is \_\_\_ Your name. \_\_\_

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

## Introduction to the Day

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

## *Guest Pastor*

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

Pastor Gordon Braatz will be with us for the first three Sundays of October. He has been our guest several times recently and we are pleased to have him back as presider and preacher today.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### + ACCLAMATION

### *Father Welcomes All His Children*

*Chorus:* Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam'ly through His Son  
Father giving His salvation  
Life forever has been won

*Verse:* Little children come to Me  
For My kingdom is of these  
Life and love I have to give  
Mercy for your sin

*Repeat Chorus*

### + GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

*All Are Welcome*

+ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray  
persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*Petitions follow. Each petition ends...*

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition...*

P Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into  
your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Meal*

OFFERING



*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; 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.*



*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.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

Michelle Rinken, flute

GA Choristers

arr. Robert Hobby

### ✚ 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

**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...  
 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)*

## + WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## + LORD'S PRAYER

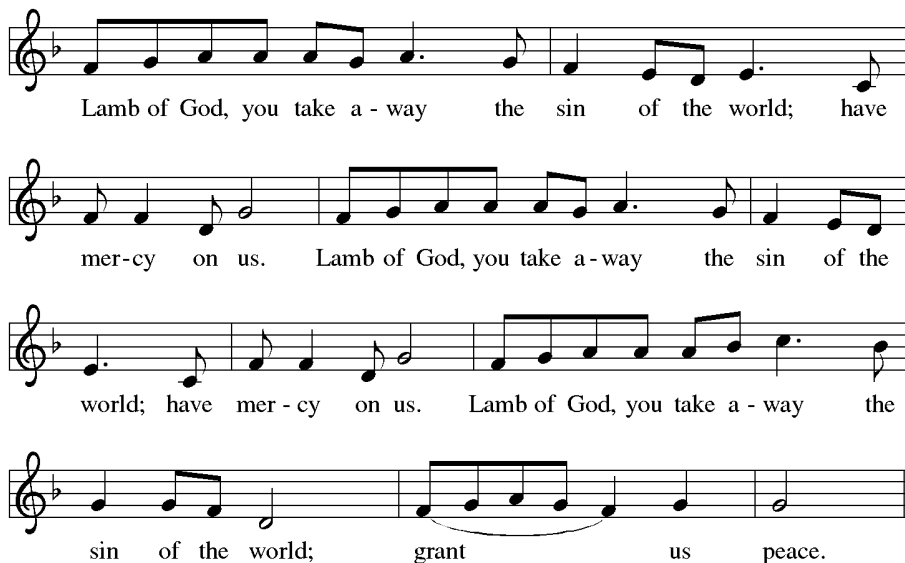
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in**  
**heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us**  
**our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass**  
**against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver**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

### *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.

### *Peace Prayer*

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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 879

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**✚ DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**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  
Contemporary Choir Director  
Lector  
Sacristan  
Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church  
Pastor Gordon Braatz  
Cheryl Johnson  
Phil Holzman  
Joel Lurvey  
Julie O'Donnell  
Andrea Carter  
James Hamilton