

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.

Reformation
Sunday

October 28, 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, Robert Hobby

Variations on "A Mighty Fortress"

Please stand as you are able and face the back of the sanctuary for the Confession and Forgiveness.

✝ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

ELW page 94

(We will use the left-hand column options)

✝ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ELW Hymn 652

Built on a Rock

As the processional cross passes your pew, turn and face forward.

✝ 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.**

✝ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray: Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

☐ Word of God. Word of life.

☑ **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-ANTHEM

Senior Choir

God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

Brandon Arneson and Patrick Arneson, trumpet

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble.

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Text, paraphrase of Psalm 46

(today's appointed psalm)

by Jay Johnson

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

✠ ACCLAMATION



✠ GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Introduction to the Day

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

Guest Pastor

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

Today we welcome Pastor Don Fulton as presider and preacher. Pastor Don has been our guest several times in the past, although it has been some time since he has been with us. We welcome him to GA Church this morning and thank him for sharing in our worship today.

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P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

After a reading from Luke's Gospel and some opening sentences, the congregation is asked to read the following statements as the children receive their Bibles...

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.

We pray God will guide you, your family, and us

as you use this Bible in your home,

in your Sunday School classes, and in worship.

We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

Thanks be to God!

Then, we ask everyone to join in singing...

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,

still you're there right beside me,

and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end. Thy word is a lamp...

As everyone is singing, the rest of the Sunday school children will come forward to share the song "This Little Light of Mine" with us.

SERMON

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

✝ 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,

- G** **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.

- G** **Amen.**

✝ PEACE

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

- G** **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; Jean Pope;
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.*



*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

GA Choristers & Senior Choir
You Shall Have a Song Harriet Ziegenhals
Shirley Fors, flute

✠ OFFERTORY

ELW Hymn 184

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...

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

☛ **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

Organ Voluntary: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast* Johann Walther
Hymn: ***That Priceless Grace*** ELW Hymn 591

✝ 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

PRESENTATION OF MISSION PARTNER GIFT

Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services

✝ BLESSING

✝ SENDING SONG ELW Hymn 654
The Church's One Foundation

✝ DISMISSAL

☛ Go in peace. Sound the good news.
☛ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress* Setting, Diane Bish

As always, you are invited to remain for the postlude.
Hang on to your hats! This powerful setting of Luther's hymn makes full use of the resources of the organ. Originally part of a suite of hymns written by Diane Bish for an organ dedication, this piece more than stands on its own stating the power and majesty of the hymn often referred to as "the battle hymn of the Reformation."



Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given by Darlene McQuarrie in memory of loved ones.

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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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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
Presiding Minister & Preacher
Assisting Minister
Minister of Worship & Music
Lector
Crucifer & Sacristan
Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church
Pastor Don Fulton
Melissa Hentges
Phil Holzman
Adrienne Bisping
Joan Mitchell
Brian Hendrickson