

# 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 32

November 11, 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

### Organ Prelude

Today's prelude is an arrangement of the tune of our gathering song by the rather famous English composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

### PRELUDE

Setting, Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*Prelude on "Hyfrydol"*

### ✝ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who calls us into an everlasting hope,  
who guides us to springs of the water of life,  
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Christ came into the world to save us from sin,  
once and for all.  
Because of his sacrifice for us,  
God waits in mercy to forgive.  
Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**C** **Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly  
of ourselves  
and clamor after privilege and honor.  
Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze  
because we do not believe we have anything to give.  
You have given us the best gift of all:  
freedom from all that harms us  
and the way to abundant life.  
Have mercy on our foolishness  
and heal our lovesick hearts,  
that we may live faithfully for you.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**P** Sisters and brothers,  
the news is good and it is for you:  
in Jesus Christ,  
all our failings are washed away;  
our thirst for goodness is quenched.  
Remember your baptism and be glad!

### ✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 707

*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

### 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

**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.**

✝ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW page 139

***Glory to God in the Highest***

✝ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. All praise to you, most holy and gracious God! You have set us free from fear and filled us with good things. You surprise us with your grace and give us all we need. Even when we lose sight of your ways, you pull us back to you and overwhelm us all over again, reminding us of your power, your compassion, and your justice. All praise to you, our triune God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Word*

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8–16

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

**P** Word of God. Word of life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Introduction to the Day*

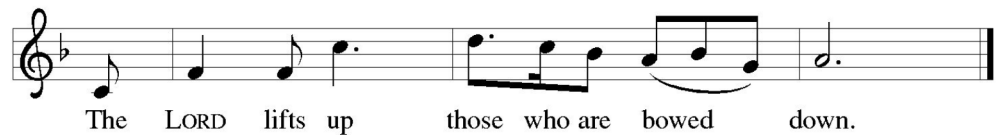
*Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*

## Guest Pastor

During Pastor Jo's medical leave, we are welcoming guest pastors each Sunday. Today we welcome Pastor Jenny Mason as our presider and preacher. Jenny is the Executive Director of the Community Resource Center of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. She has been with us before and we are happy to welcome her back to GA Church again this morning.

## PSALM 146

A Cantor will sing the Refrain one time.  
Please join the second time and each time it is indicated.



We will then chant the psalm responsively,  
with the congregation chanting the verses in **bold type**.



Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

**2**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

**3**Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

**4**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,

**and in that day | their thoughts perish. Refrain**

**5**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

**6**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;

**who keeps promis- | es forever;**

**7**who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the cap- | tive free.

**8**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;

**the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;**

**the LORD | loves the righteous.**

**9**The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

**10**The LORD shall | reign forever,

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. |**

**Hallelujah! Refrain**

## SECOND READING

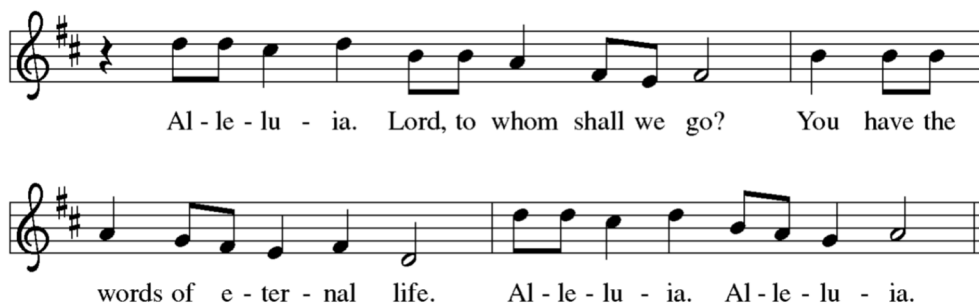
Hebrews 9:24-28

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**P** Word of God. Word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## + ACCLAMATION



## + GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>38</sup>As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON



## 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;  
Jean Rosebrock; Walt Schopf;  
Arden & Joyce Swanson;  
Vi Tefft; Vesta Todd;  
Stephanie Vavrichuk;  
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.*

✝ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW HYMN 580

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

✝ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  
*Joyous Jubilee*

Gustavus Bells  
Brian Heinlein

✝ OFFERTORY

ELW Hymn 692

*We Are an Offering*

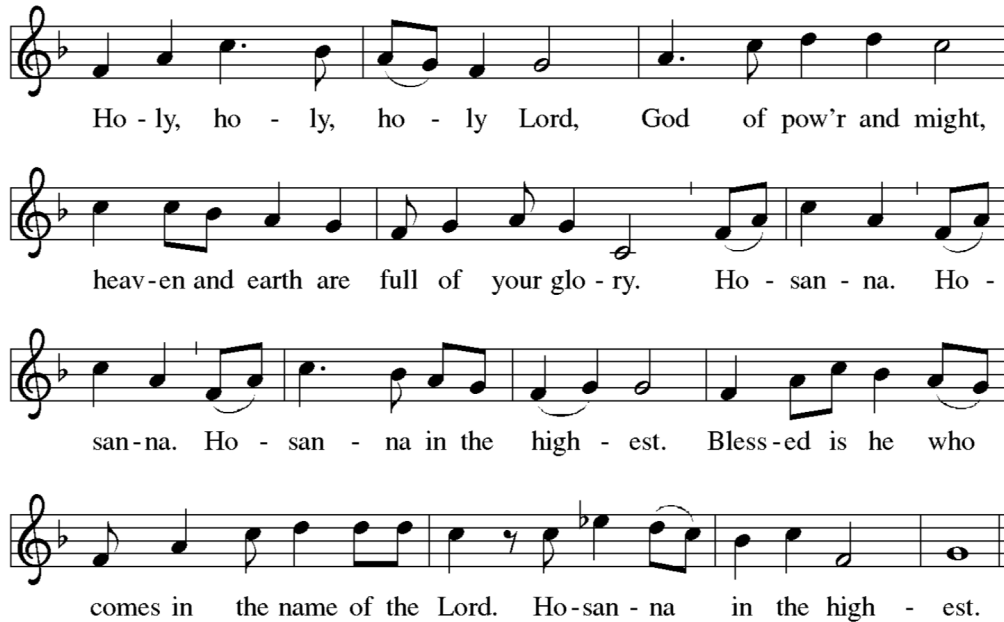
✝ OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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...



## ✚ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### ✚ LORD'S PRAYER

ELW page 112

***Our Father, who art in heaven...***

## 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.*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Hymn: ***Blessed Assurance***

Gustavus Bells: *Inner Peace*

ELW Hymn 785

Sandra Eithun

## ✚ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray. Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

*Sending*

## MISSION PARTNER PRESENTATION

Northeast Middle School Closet

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**Our Core Values at  
Gustavus Adolphus  
Lutheran Church**

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



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

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✝ SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 887

***This Is My Song***

✝ DISMISSAL

**A** Led on by the saints before us,  
go in peace to serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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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  
Sacristan  
Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church  
Pastor Jenny Mason  
Carlotta Rosebrock  
Deacon Phil Holzman  
Lynn Lurvey  
Kathy Schuette  
Joel Lurvey