

Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Baptism of Our Lord

January 13, 2019

9:30 a.m.

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.

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, Max Drischner

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

✝ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed
with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the
gift of baptism.

C **We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

P Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah
and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery
into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed
with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters
and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C **We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in
Jesus Christ.**

**Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace,
and love.**

P To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 455

Crashing Waters at Creation

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.**

✠ KYRIE

ELW page 147

✠ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW page 148

Glory to God in the Highest

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1–7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Introduction to the Day
The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

Guest Organist

We welcome Pastor William Wilson as our guest organist today. Bill is a retired ELCA pastor who served as a church musician prior to ordination. He and Phil Holzman became acquainted in Willmar back in the 1990's. We welcome Pastor Wilson back to GA this morning and thank him for sharing his musical talents with us today.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ ACCLAMATION



✠ GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

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

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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 581

You Are Mine

✝ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Ⓐ United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,

Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**

After the final petition...

Ⓐ Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ⓒ **Amen.**

✝ PEACE

Ⓐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

Ⓒ **And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He Is Born

Gustavus Bells
arr. Arnold Sherman

✝ OFFERTORY

ELW Hymn 184

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

✝ OFFERING PRAYER

Ⓐ God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Ⓒ **Amen.**

✝ GREAT THANKSGIVING

Ⓐ The Lord be with you.

Ⓒ **And also with you.**



Continuing Prayer Concerns

*Joy Anderson;
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;
Arden & Joyce Swanson;
Vi Tefft; Vesta Todd;
Stephanie Vavrichek;
Marion White; Andrew;
Annette and family; Sveah;
Gretchen; Bre; Winnie; 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.

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

✦ 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.**

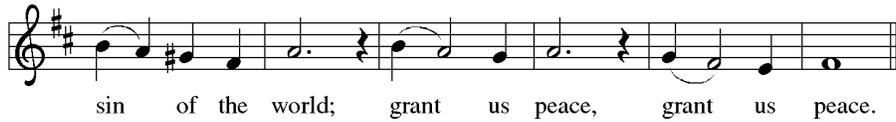
INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION

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.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

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



Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart ELW Hymn 800

✝ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sending

✝ BLESSING

✝ SENDING SONG ELW Hymn 445
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

✝ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE J. S. Bach
Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

As always you are invited to remain and share in the postlude.

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Gustavus Adolphus
Lutheran Church***

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



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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
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Jo Bauman Johnson
Assisting Minister	Carlotta Rosebrock
Organist	Pastor William Wilson
Lector	Lynette Paulson
Bell Choir Leader	Alyssa Meuwissen
Sacristan	Joan Mitchell
Transportation	Joel Lurvey