

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.

Third Sunday
After Epiphany

January 27, 2019

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.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Benedetto Marcello

Psalm 19

✠ CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unites us and sends us.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin as an offering
of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

C **God of our Restoration,
whenever we come home to you,
we realize how far we have strayed
and how much we have forgotten
of your law and your love.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, heal us,
and restore us to our relationship with you;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

P As a called and ordained minister of Jesus Christ,
I assure you that you have been restored in the grace of God.
Do not mourn, therefore, but rejoice,
for this is a new day for you and for me.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 673

God, Whose Almighty Word

✠ 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.**

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.

✝ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Word

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

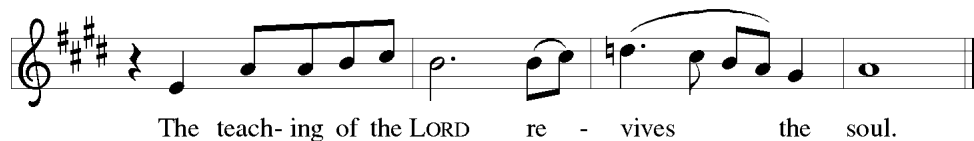
⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

*The choir will sing the refrain first.
Please join the second time...and at each time indicated.*



Introduction to the Day

The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

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



¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the
ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. Refrain**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the
eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine
gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. Refrain**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not
get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

✠ ACCLAMATION



✠ GOSPEL

Luke 4:14–21

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.



Continuing Prayer Concerns

Joy Anderson;
Sharon & Paul Banitt;
Mary Boatwright;
Peggy Bowman; Charline Burns;
Jean Clausen; Shirley Cropper;
Vi Dorumsgaard; Katie Falang;
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.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,
¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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 726

Light Dawns on a Weary World

✠ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A God of prophets and apostles, you call us to restore that which is broken and to proclaim your vision of a world made new. Create in us new hearts and strong voices as we pray.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

A Hear us as we pray...

C God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

After the final petition...

P God of the jubilee, make us the body of the risen Christ, united, in all our diversity. Animate us by your Holy Spirit that together we may work toward your coming kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

✠ PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Shine On Us

Senior Choir

Michael W. & Deborah Smith

✠ OFFERTORY

ELW Hymn 184

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

✠ OFFERING PRAYER

P 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.

C **Amen.**

✠ GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

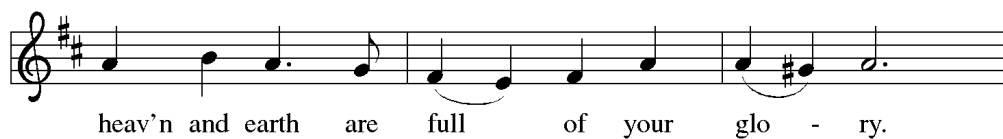
P Lift up your hearts.

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...



Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given by Mary Ann Eide in memory of her mother-in-law, Louise B. Eide.

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✝ 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.*

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

Here Is Bread

ELW Hymn 483

One Bread, One Body

ELW Hymn 496

✝ 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 650

In Christ There Is No East or West

✝ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Setting, Paul Manz

Lift High the Cross

Serving Today

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

The Baptized people of GA Church
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