

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.

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 24, 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.

✝ Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Setting, Paul Manz

Now the Green Blade Rises

✝ CONFESSIO 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 Jesus promised that God is kind
even to the ungrateful and the wicked,
even to us.
Trusting in God's kindness and love,
let us confess our sin.

C Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your ways
or trusted your promises.
We love only those who loves us;
we show kindness only to those who are kind to us;
we give only when we expect to receive.
Forgive us, Lord.
Fill our hearts with your selfless love.
Change our lives by your matchless grace.
These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

P Children of the Most High God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
we have received grace in good measure –
spilling out and running over.

C Thanks be to God.

P Now go and live as Christ commands:
Be merciful, as God is merciful;
do not judge, and you will not be judged;
do not condemn, and you will not be condemned;
but forgive, and you will be forgiven;
give, and it will be given to you.

C Amen.

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.

✦ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 379

Now the Green Blade Rises

✦ 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 148

Glory to God in the Highest

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us your way of grace—to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses with blessing, to love without holding back, to give without thought of return; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3–11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Introduction to the Day

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of the glory of God revealed in the Christ.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

✠ ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠ GOSPEL

Luke 6:27–38

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great,

and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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 631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

✝ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Holy God, your cross stands before us as a light that shows us our failures and our salvation through your Son. We thank you for forgiving us and for coming among us to heal our pain and resentments. Let us offer our intercessions to God...

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

A God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

After the final petition...

P Trusting in the mercy of your never-failing wisdom, we commend into your hands all for whom we pray; through 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;
Sharon & Paul Banitt;
Mary Boatwright;
Peggy Bowman; Charline Burns;
Jean Clausen; Shirley Cropper;
Vi Dorumsgaard; Katie Falang;
Rena Frasee;
Kimberly Garner;
Dawn Jackson; Jeff McQuarrie;
June Mondeng;
Juliana Palmer;
Jean Rosebrock;
Amara Strande;
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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Build New Bridges*

GA Choristers
Wayne Wold

Build new bridges, build them out of love,
with hearts that dare to offer care and
show God's mercy everywhere;
build new bridges out of love.
Build them sturdy, out of love.

Build new bridges, build them out of hope,
with eyes that see how things can be and
seek God's kingdom earnestly;
build new bridges out of hope.
Build them sturdy, out of hope.

Build new bridges, build them out of joy,
with radiant smiles that stretch for miles and
share the Word that reconciles;
build new bridges out of joy,
out of peace, out of hope, build them sturdy, out of love.

✠ OFFERTORY

ELW Hymn 184

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

✠ OFFERING PRAYER

✠ GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

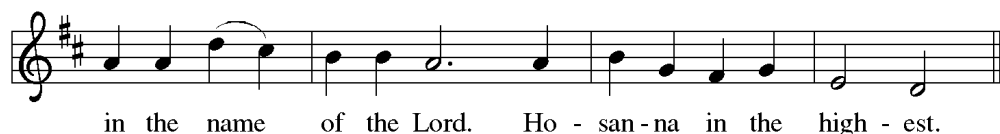
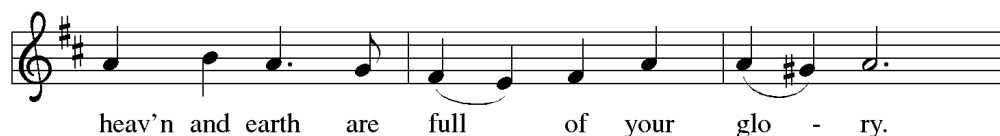
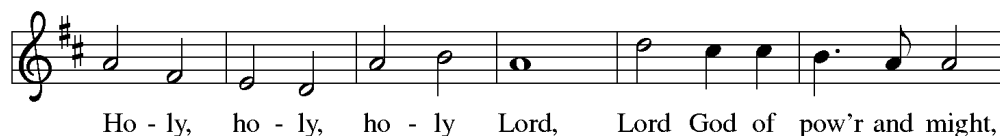
P Lift up your hearts.

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.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

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, grant us peace.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
Praise and Thanks and Adoration

ELW Hymn 708

ELW Hymn 783

✦ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sending

✦ BLESSING

✦ SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 603

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

✦ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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Gustavus Adolphus
Lutheran Church***

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



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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

Sacristan

Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church

Pastor Jo Bauman Johnson

Joel Lurvey

Deacon Phil Holzman

Amanda Hakemian

Brandon Bisping

Brian Hendrickson