

# 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.

## Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 3, 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

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Prelude and Fugue in B-Flat Major*

✝ 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** In trust, let us call upon God's holy name,  
confess our sin, and receive forgiveness.

**C** Merciful and gracious God,  
we bow before your unending compassion,  
the measure of our falling short.  
We have not loved as you command.  
We have not spoken truly.  
We have not cared for creation, including ourselves,  
according to your will.  
What we intend, we have not pursued;  
what we mean to avoid, we embrace.  
Help us to know the mind of Christ,  
that in all thoughts, words, and deeds,  
our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

**P** When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by the authority of the Holy Spirit  
working among God's holy people,  
I declare your sins forgiven.  
Turn now with unveiled faces,  
and see to the health of all creation  
as newborn children of God.

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 834

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### *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 148

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

✝ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Word*

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29–35

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

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

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

*Introduction to the Day*

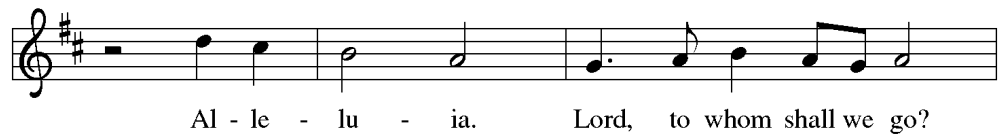
*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the Spirit of God.*

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

# ✠ ACCLAMATION



# ✠ GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-43a

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43a</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

**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

***How Good, Lord, to Be Here!***

ELW Hymn 315

✝ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*Petitions follow. Each petition ends...*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition...*

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

**C** **Amen.**

✝ PEACE

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*Meal*

OFFERING

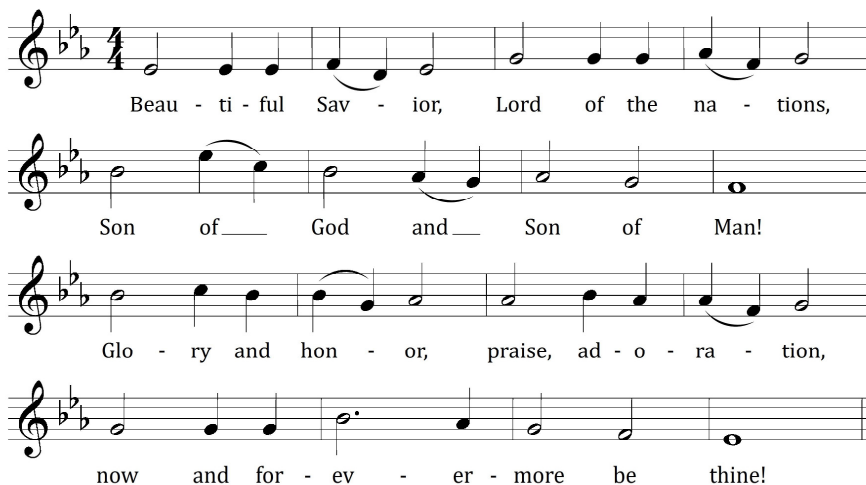
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Beautiful Savior*

Senior Choir

arr. Michael Burkhardt

The choir invites the congregation to join for the final stanza...



## *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; Cory Saba;  
Carol Stout; 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

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...

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  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## ✠ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

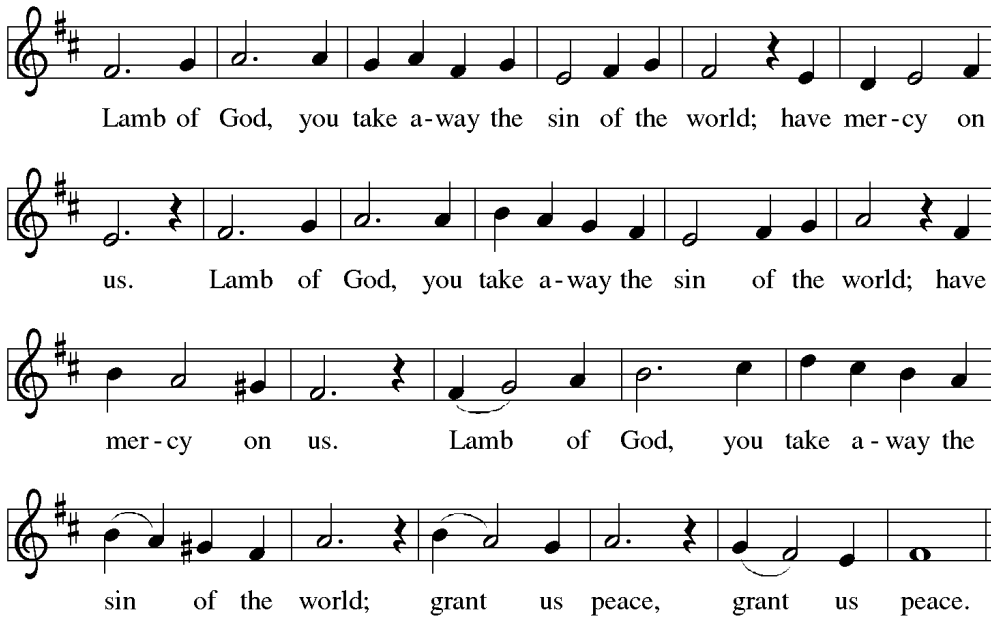
## ✠ LORD'S PRAYER

**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, 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.

### *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ELW Hymn 810

## ✚ 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 318

### *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

## ✚ DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Christ is your light.
- C** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

### *Fanfare*

*As always, you are invited to remain and share in the postlude. On this last Sunday after Epiphany, Phil has chosen an especially "splashy" postlude before the music for worship takes a more somber tone for the Lenten season. This "Fanfare" was written by the Belgian composer Lemmens (1823-1881) and is a busy piece of music!*

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***Our Core Values at  
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  
Presiding Minister & Preacher

Assisting Minister

Minister of Worship & Music

Lector

Sacristan

Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church

Pastor Jo Bauman Johnson

Calvin Huseonica

Deacon Phil Holzman

Adrienne Bisping

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James Hamilton