

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.

Sixth Sunday
After Epiphany

February 17, 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

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✝ 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 The prophet Jeremiah says that God
tests our minds and searches our hearts,
because the condition of mind and heart affects actions.
Trusting in God's mercy, let us invite God to search us,
so that God might also lead us in the way everlasting.

C **Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding.
You call us to reorder our lives
by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ.
Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice:
people who are poor and hungry;
people who weep.
We have not stood with those
who are hated, bullied, and excluded.
Comfortable with the way things are,
we are too complacent,
even complicit with injustice and prejudice.
Forgive us, O God,
and turn us back to your gospel.
We pray this now, for our sake,
and for the sake of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Because Christ has been raised from the dead,
sin and death do not have the last word!

C **Our faith is not in vain!
Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
we are forgiven and set free to live
for God and neighbor.
Thanks be to God.**

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 878

Soli Deo Gloria
Stanzas 1 through 3

✦ 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.**

✦ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW Hymn 878

Soli Deo Gloria
Stanzas 4 and 5

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray. Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5–10

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—

who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Introduction to the Day

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

✠ GOSPEL

Luke 6:17–26

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

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

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day
and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what
their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors
did to the false prophets.”

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 728

Blest Are They

✠ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Holy One, you have created us with the ability to choose
between life and death, blessings and curses. Help us to reject
the advice of the wicked or sit with the scoffers, and by your
grace, empower us to put our trust in you.

C **Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.**

A We pray for those who put their trust in themselves instead
of in you.

C **Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.**

A We pray for those who put their trust in princes and
politicians, and find themselves deceived and misled.

C **Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.**

A We pray for those who are poor, who hunger, who weep.

C **Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.**



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;
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.

- A** We pray for those who are making poor choices in their lives; may they turn to you for guidance.
- C** **Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**
- A** We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who are named on our congregation's prayer list.
- C** **Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**
- A** We pray for the trees, for the rivers and streams, and for all your creation: turn us from our exploitative ways to help you renew the earth.
- C** **Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**
- P** God, you demand much, but promise that your yoke is easy. Guide us throughout our lives, keeping us ever mindful of the good news of your forgiving and renewing grace; 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
Blessed

Contemporary Choir
Billy Hughes

✠ OFFERTORY

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW Hymn 479

✠ 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...

**☩ Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (Repeat)
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
(return to the beginning)**

✝ 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

Welcome Table

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
I'm goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.

Thee We Adore, O Savior

ELW Hymn 476

✝ 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.

☩ Amen.

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Sending

✝ BLESSING

✝ SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 723

Canticle of the Turning

✝ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is your light.

G Thanks be to God!

**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
Contemporary Choir Director
Lector
Sacristan
Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church
Pastor Jo Bauman Johnson
Justin Navratil
Deacon Phil Holzman
Joel Lurvey
Julie O'Donnell
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Gary Arvidson