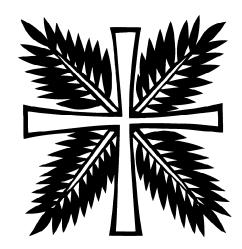
Gustavus Adolphus LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Gustavus Adolphus!

We welcome people of all ages in worship. Activity bags for children are available from the ushers.

If you are a guest today, please fill out the blue insert and drop it in the offering plate.

We invite you to remain for refreshments and a time of fellowship in the Narthex following worship today.

There will be a 30-minute organ concert at 11:00 a.m. this morning. Everyone is invited to attend!

Today is the beginning of Holy Week. We offer several opportunities for worship this week...

- * Maundy Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- * Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Our Easter Festival services will be held at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. next Sunday.

We remind everyone to silence their electronic devices during worship.

Gathering

+ PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

- P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
- **G** Hosanna in the highest!
- **P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven.

and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.
- + BLESSING OF THE PALMS
- P We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

Worship Notes

Numbers marked with the word "page..." in small case 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.**

Introduction to the Day

Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Luke's account of the passion today and John's version on Good Friday. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God.



Continuing Prayer Concerns

Sharon & Paul Banitt; April Berg; Mary Boatwright; Peggy Bowman; Charline Burns; Shirley Cropper; Vi Dorumsgaard; Katie Falang; Renae Frasee; Kimberly Garner; Morrie Gulbrandson; *Jeff McQuarrie; June Mondeng;* Juliana Palmer; Jean Rosebrock; Al Satter: Carol Stout: Arden & Joyce Swanson; Vi Tefft; Stephanie Vavrichek; Marion White; Nikki Wick; 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.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray. Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross, that united with him and all the faithful, we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem, where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever.
- **G** Amen.

ANTHEM

GA Choristers arr. A.D. Miller

Filled With Excitement

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.

There in the distance they begin to see, there on a donkey comes the Son of God.

From ev'ry corner a thousand voices sing praise to the one who comes in the name of God.

With one great shout of acclamation loud, triumphant song breaks forth:

Hosanna! Hosanna to the king! Hosanna to the king!

Words and Music: Rubén Ruíz Ávila

Word

PASSION STORY, PART I: Luke 22:14—23:12

SERMON

SONG SHARED BY OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Lift Up Your Heads

Graham Kendrick

Lift up your heads, O you gates, swing wide you everlasting doors. That the King of glory may come in.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in Christ's passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

- A Hear us, O God.
- **9** Your mercy is great.

Following the final petition...

- P Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Amen.
- + PEACE
- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

ELW HYMN 342

There in God's Garden

Stanza 1 – All Voices Stanza 2 – High Voices Stanza 3 – All Voices Stanza 5 – High Voices Stanza 6 – All Voices

+ OFFERING PRAYER

- Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.
- Amen.
- + GREAT THANKSGIVING
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... join their unending hymn...

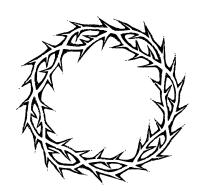


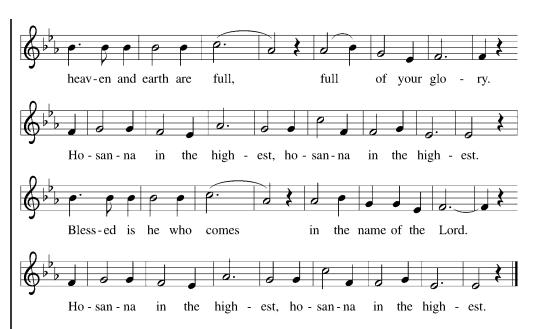


Please join us for The Lord's Supper

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.





+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION SONGS

Go To Dark Gethsemane (Stanzas 1-3) ELW Hymn 347
Were You There ELW Hymn 353

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- Let us pray. Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- **G** Amen.

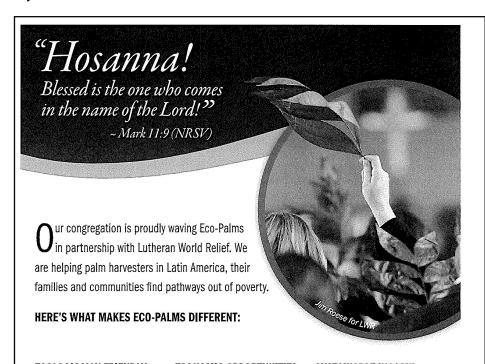
PASSION STORY, PART II: Luke 23:13-56

There is no concluding benediction or postlude, because this is only the first part of the story.

We ask everyone to leave the sanctuary in silence.

We invite you back at 11:00 for a 30-minute organ concert.

You can find details in the announcement sheet.



ECOLOGICALLY FRIENDLY



Fair prices for quality palms encourage sustainable harvesting, meaning better income long into the future.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES



Eco-Palms are sorted and packed within the harvesting community, extending income opportunities to even more people.

SUSTAINABLE INCOME



Eco-Palms harvesters often earn five to six times more per frond than traditional palms, and a portion of the purchase price goes directly back to the community.

Let us proudly wave our Eco-Palms, giving thanks to God and inviting palm harvesters, their families and communities to our celebration!



Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of U.S. Lutherans, serving communities living in poverty overseas.

Join us for our Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. and on Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

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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 7
Presiding Minister & Preacher 1
Assisting Minister 0

Minister of Worship & Music

Sacristan Lector

Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church

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