

Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Fifth Sunday
in Lent

April 7, 2019

9:30 a.m.

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.

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.

Organ Prelude

Today's prelude features a setting of our Hymn of the Day, *My Song Is Love Unknown*, number 343 in our hymnal. The tune is by John Ireland. You're invited to meditate on the words of the hymn as Phil plays the prelude this morning.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Setting, Michael Burkhardt

My Song Is Love Unknown

✝ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW page 94

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 793

Be Thou My Vision

✝ 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.**

✝ KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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. Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you. For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

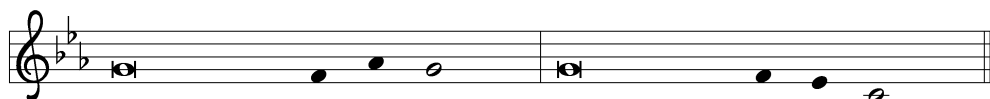
PSALM 126

The choir will sing the refrain one time.

Please join the second time – and at each subsequent time indicated.



We will chant the psalm responsively, using the following tone.



¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with
| shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great
| things for them.”**

Introduction to the Day

The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God’s new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

³The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb. Refrain**

⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. Refrain**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b–14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

+ ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

+ GOSPEL

John 12:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

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

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

- Ⓟ The gospel of the Lord.
- Ⓒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

I NOTICE..., I WONDER...

SERMON

I HEAR...

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 343

My Song Is Love Unknown

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- Ⓐ Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

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

After the final petition...

- Ⓟ Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

+ PEACE

- Ⓟ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- Ⓒ **And also with you.**



Continuing Prayer Concerns

*Joy Anderson;
Sharon & Paul Banitt;
April Berg; Mary Boatwright;
Peggy Bowman; Charline Burns;
Shirley Cropper; Vi Dorumsgaard;
Katie Falang; Renae Frasee;
Kimberly Garner;
Morrie Gulbrandson;
Dawn Jackson; 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.

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Senior Choir
arr. John Carter

+ OFFERTORY

ELW Hymn 186

Create in Me a Clean Heart

+ OFFERING PRAYER

P 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.

C **Amen.**

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

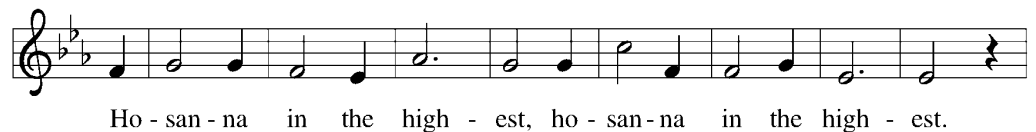
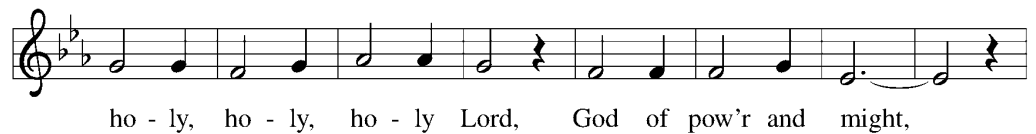
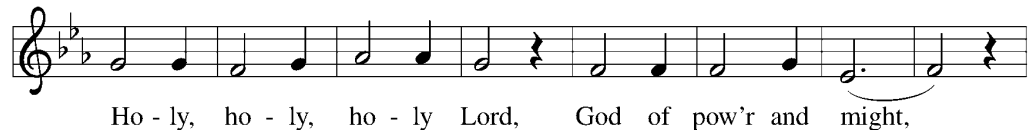
P Lift up your hearts.

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...





Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

✦ 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.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

On My Heart Imprint Your Image ELW Hymn 811
I Am the Bread of Life ELW Hymn 485

✦ 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.

☒ **Amen.**

Sending

✦ BLESSING

✦ SENDING SONG ***God Loved the World*** ELW Hymn 323

✦ DISMISSAL

☒ Go in peace. Remember the poor.
☒ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *Glory Be to Jesus* Setting, Robert Hobby



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.

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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	The Baptized people of GA Church
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Assisting Minister	Gary Anderson
Minister of Worship & Music	Deacon Phil Holzman
Lector	Lynette Paulson
Sacristan	Hannah Rosebrock
Transportation	James Hamilton