

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.

Fourth Sunday
of Easter

May 12, 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

Alfred Fedak

Improvisation-Toccata: "The Strife Is O'er"

✝ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P God is present to guide our journey
and eager to forgive us when we go astray;
therefore, in humility and faith,
let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

C **Holy God,
we confess that we have strayed
from your paths of right relationship and peace,
and we have dishonored you,
ourselves, and your creation;
we repent of these hurtful ways.
Forgive us, we pray,
as we learn to forgive others,
and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

P God's mercy overflows as a healing spring
to cleanse us of our offenses;
therefore, know that you are forgiven
and receive new life in Christ.

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 385

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

✝ 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

ELW page 98

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW page 101

This Is the Feast

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ.

C **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36–43

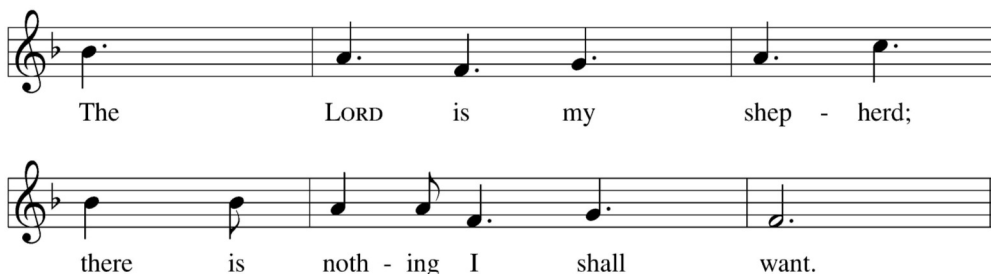
³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

Refrain – sung before the Psalm and where indicated.



The verses to the psalm are found on the following page.

Introduction to the Day

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of
my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. *Refrain***

Revelation 7:9–17

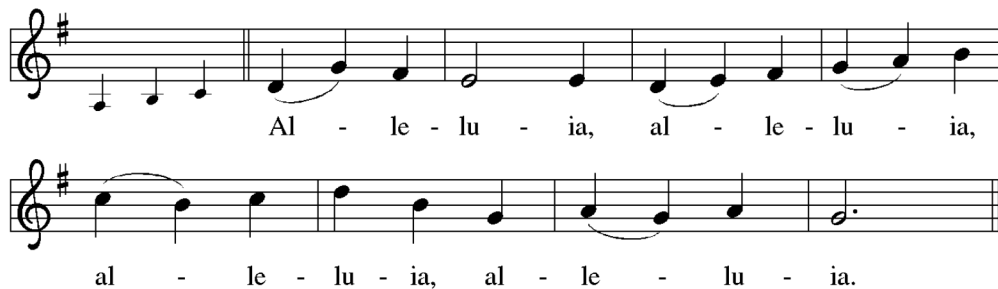
¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

+ ACCLAMATION



Verse sung by cantor:

*Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and
my own know me.” (Repeat Alleluia.)*

+ GOSPEL

John 10:22–30

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

I NOTICE..., I WONDER...

SERMON

I HEAR...



Continuing Prayer Concerns

Sharon & Paul Banitt;
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;
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.*



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.

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 764

Have No Fear, Little Flock

+ NICENE CREED

ELW page 104

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A In this season of Easter rejoicing, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings to God.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

A O Risen Christ,

C **open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

After the final petition...

P Holy God, you are our hope and our strength, our light and our sovereign, our shepherd and our savior. With all the saints in heaven and on earth, we praise your holy name and entrust every care to you; through Jesus Christ we pray.

C **Amen.**

+ PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Gustavus Bells
North American Trad.,
arr. Mary Lichlyter

+ OFFERTORY

ELW Hymn 379

Now the Green Blade Rises

+ OFFERING PRAYER

P Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

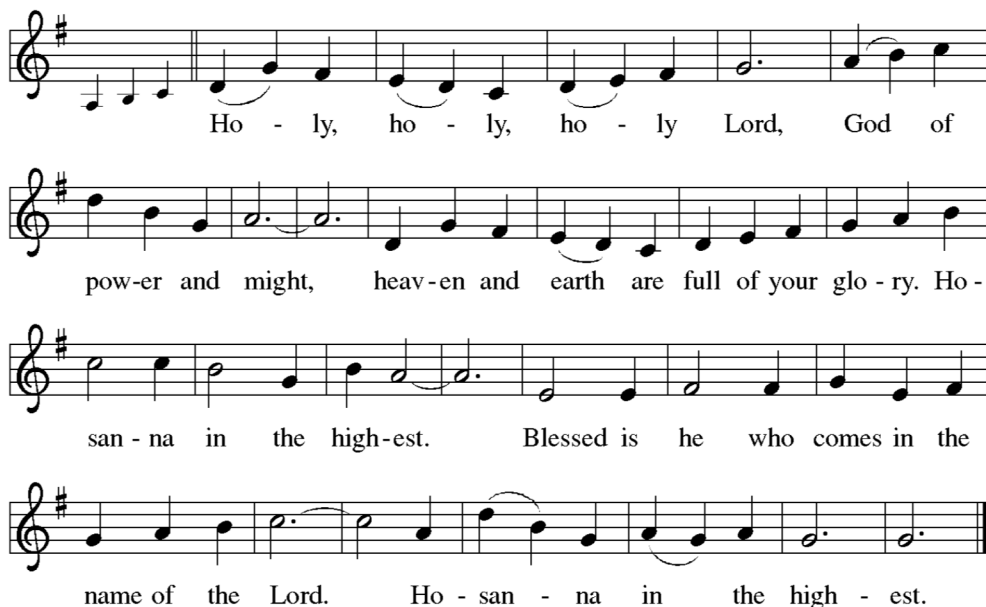
C **Amen.**

+ 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...



+ 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.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Shepherd Me, O God

ELW Hymn 789

ELW Hymn 780

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**



Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given by Kathy and Dave Schuette in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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Sending

+ BLESSING

+ SENDING SONG

See Back of Announcement Sheet

The Day of Resurrection

+ DISMISSAL

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days

J. S. Bach

**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

Trumpet

Sacristan

Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church
Pastor Jo Bauman Johnson

Joel Lurvey

Deacon Phil Holzman

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Aaron Miller

Aaron Bisping

Joel Lurvey