

Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Third Sunday
of Easter

May 5, 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.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Setting by Wilbur Held

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 368

With High Delight Let Us Unite

HOLY BAPTISM ... *Jeramiah Massiyah Hinton*

Presentation

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P Who presents this child for baptism?
(Sponsors present the child by name.)

The presiding minister addresses the parents...

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Jeramiah baptized into Christ?

R I do.

P As you bring Jeramiah to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

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.

P Do you promise to help Jeramiah grow in the Christian faith and life?

R I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors...

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Jeramiah in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

R I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly...

P People of God, do you promise to support Jeramiah and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C **We do.**

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of the child. The assembly may join in the responses.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Introduction to the Day

The disciples make a big splash and breakfast with the risen Jesus in the gospel. Wading in the water (remembering our baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating the holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us, with Peter, again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.



Holy Baptism

Today we welcome
Jeramiah Massiyah Hinton
into the family of Christ
through the sacrament of
Holy Baptism.

Jeramiah is the son
of Jessica Hill and
Johnny Hinton.

Jeramiah's sponsors are
Megan Lussier and Jamaica
and Sean Norgren.

We pray God's richest
blessings on
Jeramiah, his parents,
and sponsors.

- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- P** Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

(The assembly may be seated.)

Baptism

- P** Jeramiah Massiyah Hinton, I baptize you in the name of the Father ... and of the Son ... and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- P** You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia.
- P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Jeramiah with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Jeramiah, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Welcome

- A** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- C** **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

BAPTISM SONG

ELW Hymn 456

Baptized in Water



✝ 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.**

✝ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray: Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and always; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

Word

Each of us has a story of meeting God's grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-6

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

✠ ACCLAMATION



Choir: Our hearts burn within us
while you open to us the scriptures. (Repeat "Alleluia.")

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter.

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

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P The gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

I NOTICE, . . . I WONDER. . .

SERMON

I HEAR. . .

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.



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.

Offertory Anthem

The anthem that the choirs are
singing this morning is the same
anthem that the Senior Choir sang
in worship on May 3, 2009 – the
day that GA Church voted to
become a Reconciling in Christ
congregation. We are marking this
10-year anniversary today. The
final line of this beloved
hymn... "The Bible Tells Me So" is
significant because that is the title
of the video that was shown many
times during the RIC discernment
process in 2008-09 leading up to
the congregational vote.

✦ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 798

Will You Come and Follow Me

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal
of the church, the world, and all of creation.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

A Hear us, O God

C **Your mercy is great.**

After the final petition...

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come
near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

✦ PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Jesus Loves Me

GA Choristers and Senior Choir
arr. Margaret Tucker

✦ OFFERTORY

ELW Hymn 377, Stanzas 1 and 2

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

✝ 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.

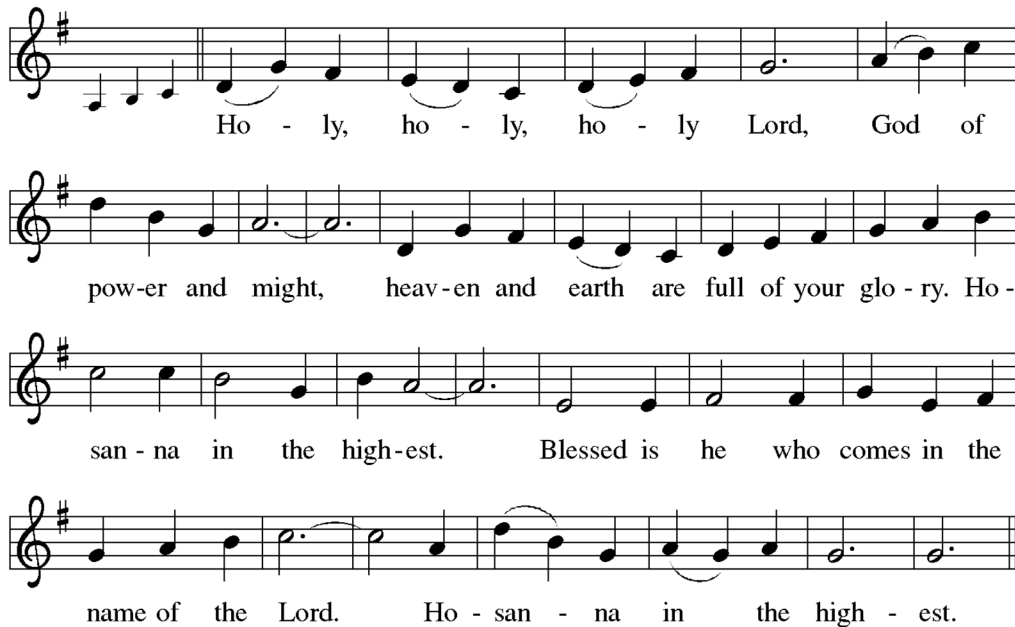
P Lift up your hearts.

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

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.



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.

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.

MUSIC 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.

Anthem

Be In Our Gathering

Senior Choir

Sandra Ford

✠ 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.**

Sending

✠ BLESSING

✠ SENDING SONG

This Joyful Eastertide

ELW Hymn 391

✚ 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

Setting by Jan Bender

This Joyful Eastertide

As always, you are invited to remain for the postlude.

Today's piece is a setting of our sending song by Dutch-born
20th century composer and organist Jan Bender.



Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given in celebration of the 10th anniversary of GA becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation by the members of the original RIC Task Force.

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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

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Presiding Minister & Preacher
Assisting Minister
Minister of Worship & Music
Sacristan
Flute
Lector
Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church
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Carlotta Rosebrock
Deacon Phil Holzman
Joan Mitchell
Shirley Fors
Joan Mitchell
James Hamilton