

Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Lectionary 16

July 21, 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

✝ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P With humble and trusting hearts,
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

C **Merciful God,
we confess that we have been distracted with
many things
and have not loved you with our whole heart
and strength.
We have not paid attention to your Word.
We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the
weak to be oppressed.
We have been impatient in worship and insincere in
our dealings with others.
We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded
warnings of judgment.
Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance.
Free us from our habits of pride,
and make us steadfast in faith,
that we may live as those who are reconciled with you
in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. Amen.**

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 Though we were once estranged,
in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God.
Baptized, forgiven, and freed,
we are one with the Lord and with each other.
Thanks be to God!

C **Amen.**

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 520

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

+ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G **And also with you.**

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW page 149

This Is the Feast

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1–10a

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."

⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

L Word of God. Word of life.

G **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

arr. Powell

In the Garden

Introduction to the Day

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

Guest Organist

Welcome back to Alan Ball who is serving as our organist today in Phil's absence. Alan has played for worship here many times in the past, and we are happy to have him back at the organ today.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15–28

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

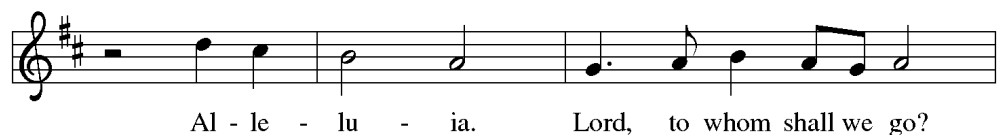
²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

+ ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 770

Give Me Jesus

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord have mercy.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

- A** let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **Lord have mercy.**

After the final petition...

- P** Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, offered in steadfast faith and hope in your care for us. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** **Amen.**

+ PEACE

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

- C** **And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING



Continuing Prayer Concerns

Sharon & Paul Banitt;
Mary Boatwright;
Peggy Bowman; Charline Burns;
Amy Cersier; 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; those who
are homebound or in nursing
homes or care centers.

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Walter Schopf, whose memorial service was held here at GA on Friday;
- The family and friends of Robert Moren, whose funeral will be held at Billman Hunt Funeral Home tomorrow at noon.

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.

Offering Hymn

The giving of our tithes and offerings is an act of worship. Singing a hymn is also an act of worship. To maintain a worshipful mood during the offering, we sing a hymn.

OFFERING HYMN



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

+ OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord.

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...



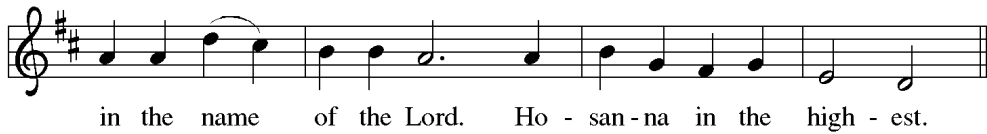
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



† WORDS OF INSTITUTION

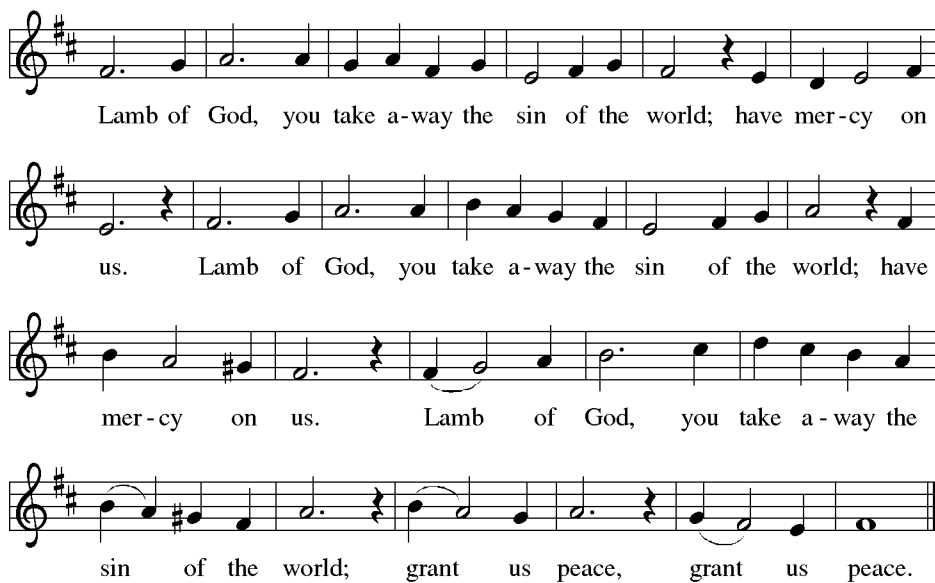
† LORD'S PRAYER

☐ **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.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION



Be Thou My Vision

ELW Hymn 793

† PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☐ Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

☐ **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.

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Sending

+ BLESSING

+ SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 673

God, Whose Almighty Word

+ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

**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
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Jo Bauman Johnson
Assisting Minister	Carlotta Rosebrock
Organist	Alan Ball
Lector	Adrienne Bisping
Musical Offering	Shirley Fors, Flute
Transportation	Joel Lurvey