

Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Lectionary 17

July 28, 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

Organ Prelude

Phil Holzman's organ preludes for the balance of the summer will be from the set of "Eight Little Preludes and Fugues" which are attributed to the great master Johann Sebastian Bach, but are really believed to have been written by a student or students of his. Nonetheless, they are delightful and standard pieces of organ literature.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in d minor

J. S. Bach

✠ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.
God of mercy,

C **we confess that we have sinned against you,
against one another,
and against the earth entrusted to our care.
We are worried and distracted by many things,
and we fail to love you above all else.
We store up treasures for ourselves
and turn away from our neighbors in need.
Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P When we were laid low by sin and guilt,
God made us alive together with Christ,
forgiving us ✠ all our trespasses
by taking our sins to the cross.
For freedom Christ has set us free:
Rejoice in this good news!

C **Amen.**

✠ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 620

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

✠ 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. Jesus Christ, teach us to pray, and to trust the hospitality of God for our daily bread, as our ancestors who ate manna in the wilderness. Let us likewise be hospitable, and as God gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to us, let us give good gifts to those who are in need.

C Amen.

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

Word

MUSICAL OFFERING

P. Bliss

It Is Well With My Soul

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20–32

²⁰Then the LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

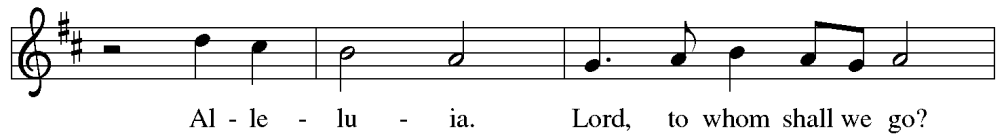
SECOND READING Colossians 2:6–15

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

† ACCLAMATION



† GOSPEL

Luke 11:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter.

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

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY ELW Hymn 745
Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** O God most high, you care for the lowly, but look down on the haughty. In your steadfast love, fulfill your purpose for us.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

- A** Restore us again,
- C** **O God of our salvation.**

After the final petition...

- P** Gracious God, you are the friend of those in need. Like Abraham and Sarah, may we show hospitality, whether you come in the form of angels or strangers, for the sake 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;
Rena 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; Ann; Dave and family;
Sveah; Gretchen; Bre; Kathryn and family; those who are homebound or in nursing homes or care centers.*

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- *The family and friends of Betty Mae Torvik, whose funeral service was held here at GA Church yesterday;*
- *The family and friends of Wally Danielson, a former member of our church, who died July 16.*

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 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Refrain
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

+ 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



in the name of the Lord. 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.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Organ Meditation -

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Setting, Robert Cundick

Hymn - *Sweet Hour of Prayer*



1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear
3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, may I thy con - so - la - tion share,



and bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known,
to him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;
till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I view my home: and take my flight.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
and since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his word and trust his grace,
With joy I'll hap - pen to the place where God my Sav - ior shows his face,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
I'll cast on him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, thy prom - ise gained, sweet hour of prayer.



*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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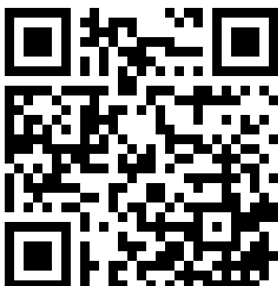
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✚ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A 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.

C Amen.

Sending

✚ BLESSING

✚ SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

✚ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE...

*There will be no postlude today.
However, there will be a 30-minute Organ Concert at 10:45 a.m.
You're invited to get a beverage and a snack and return to the sanctuary to enjoy the music from 10:45-11:15 a.m.*

**God's Mission for Gustavus
Adolphus Church –**

*To build community
where God is at the center.*

Serving Today

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| Ministers | The Baptized people of GA Church |
| Presiding Minister & Preacher | Pastor Jo Bauman Johnson |
| Assisting Minister | Joel Lurvey |
| Minister of Worship & Music | Deacon Phil Holzman |
| Lector | Julie O'Donnell |
| Musical Offering | Derrick Watson |
| Sacristan | Joan Mitchell |
| Transportation | Joel Lurvey |