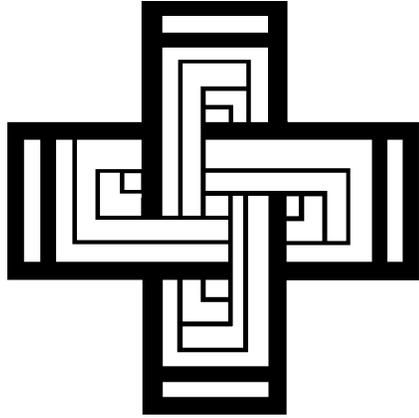


Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Lectioary 19

August 11, 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 g 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 My siblings in Christ, remember that God loves us;
therefore by the mercy of God,
let us cease to do evil and learn to do good.

C **Holy God, you call us to do good,
seek justice, and care for those in need,
yet how often we place our own comforts
above compassion for others.
Forgive us, we pray,
and cleanse us from these and all our offenses
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P God is merciful and kind;
though our sins are like scarlet,
they become like snow.
Be at peace,
for your sins are washed clean by the
goodness of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 556

Morning Has Broken

✠ 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.**

✠ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW page 148

Glory to God in the Highest

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray. O God of promise, creator of the cosmos, you are the first light breaking through the void, and the final light we shall eternally enjoy. Keep our hearts ever vigilant as we wait to welcome you, that you would find us clothed in love, dressed for action, and eager to receive you.

☑ **Amen.**

Word

MUSICAL OFFERING

John Stanley

Trumpet Voluntary

FIRST READING

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20

¹The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

¹³bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings

from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

Introduction to the Day

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

¹⁷learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

¹⁹If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

+ ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

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

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

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 710

Let Streams of Living Justice

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Let us pray for the world, saying, O God of hope, increase our faith.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

A O God of hope,

C **increase our faith.**

After the final petition...

P Holy God, steadfast and true, on you our hope is founded.

Receive the prayer of your faithful people for we trust in you.

C **Amen.**



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;
Pat Norring-Johnson;
Jeff McQuarrie; June Mondeng;
Juliana Palmer; Jean Rosebrock;
Carol Stout;
Arden & Joyce Swanson;
Vi Tefft; Stephanie Vavrick;ek;
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.

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.

+ PEACE

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

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
Skills and time are ours for pres - sing toward the goals of
Treas - ure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your

end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred; ours to use for home and kin - dred,

costl - y cross, grave's shat - tered door, gift - ed by you, we turn to you,
ra - ces joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,
and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing,

off' - ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,
as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to ans - wer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

+ OFFERING PRAYER

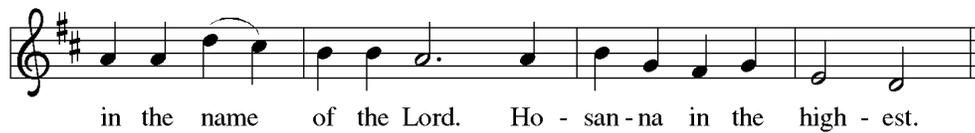
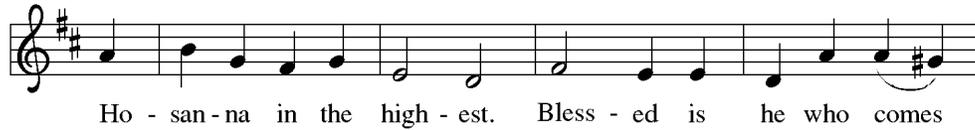
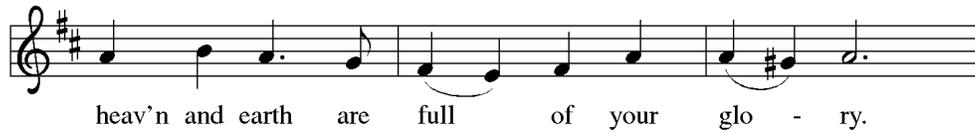
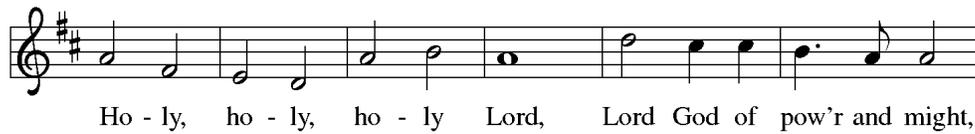
- P** Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

+ 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...



+ 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.

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 HYMN

Blessed Assurance

ELW Hymn 638

+ 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.



*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 705

God of Grace and God of Glory

+ DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Setting, Robert Elmore

Look Up, My Soul, to Christ Your Joy

*You are always invited to remain and share in the postlude.
This piece is a setting of a Moravian chorale.*

**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	Amanda Hakemian
Minister of Worship & Music	Deacon Phil Holzman
Lector	Emily Miller
Musical Offering	Aaron Miller, trumpet
Transportation	Joel Lurvey