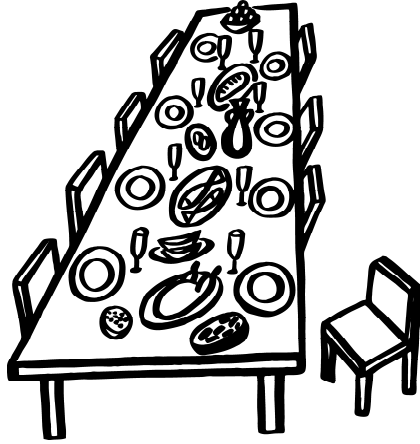


Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Lectionary 22

September 1, 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 a minor

J. S. Bach

✝ CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the Lord who is our helper.

C **Lord, all that we have is a gift from you,
yet we do not live lives of gratitude.
We ignore strangers
and turn away from those in need.
We seek honor for ourselves
and allow pride to take root in us.
Forgive our foolish ways, O God,
and restore us to you,
that we may walk in the way of love. Amen.**

P Beloved, your sins are forgiven,
for God promises to never leave us.
Therefore, be at peace and stand secure in the Lord.

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 522

As We Gather at Your Table

✝ 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 147

✝ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Faithful God, in Jesus you show us a way of humility and hospitality with power to transform our world. Give us the grace to love those things that please you and the courage to live them to your glory.

C **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6–7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

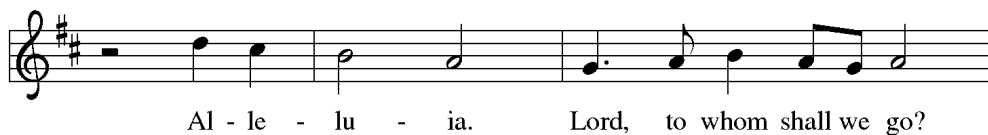
What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

+ ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7–14

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Introduction to the Day

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 879

For the Beauty of the Earth

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

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. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's blessed creation.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

After the final petition...

- P** Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

+ PEACE

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

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.



Continuing Prayer Concerns

Sharon & Paul Banitt;
DJ Bedah; Adrienne Bisping;
Mary Boatwright;
Peggy Bowman; Charline Burns;
Amy Cersier; Shirley Cropper;
Vi Dorumsgaard; Katie Falang;
Renaë Frasee; Kimberly Garner;
Morrie Gulbrandson;
Nancy Johnson;
Pat Norring-Johnson;
Michelle Mamood;
Darlene McQuarrie;
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.

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.

Birth Rose

*The birth rose on the altar is
in honor of the birth on
August 6 of Della Maxine
Nielsen, daughter of Jill
(Parker) and Matthew Nielsen
and sister to Nora and Dean.*

+ OFFERING PRAYER

P God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

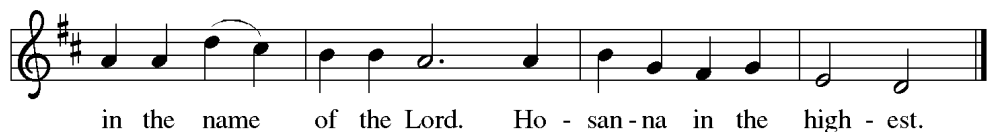
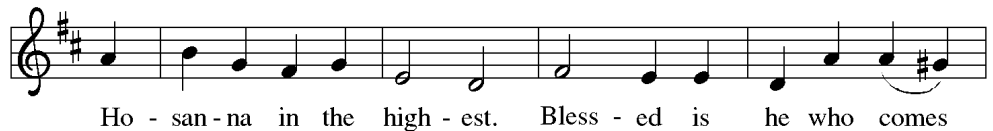
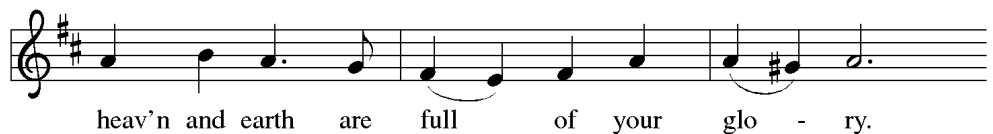
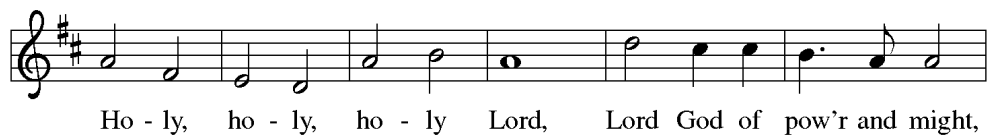
P Lift up your hearts.

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 – *Lamb of God*



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.

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray. God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Sending

✦ BLESSING

✦ SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 726

Light Dawns on a Weary World

+ DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
G Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

John Stanley

Processional in G Major

You are always invited to remain and share in the postlude.



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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***Our Core Values at
Gustavus Adolphus
Lutheran Church***

***love
joy
hope
compassion
spirituality
forgiveness
acceptance***



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God's work. Our hands.

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Your gift. Your choice.

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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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Assisting Minister	Andrea Carter
Minister of Worship & Music	Deacon Phil Holzman
Lector	Julie O'Donnell
Transportation	James Hamilton