

# Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



## 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.

Lectionary 24

September 15, 2019

9:30 a.m.

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

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

#### ✝ CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The grace of our Lord overflows for us  
through the faith and love that are ours in Christ Jesus.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**P** O Lord, forgive your foolish people.  
We are skilled in doing evil,  
but we do not know how to do good.

**P** Create in us a clean heart, O God;  
**C** **put a new and right spirit within us.**

**P** In the folly of our hearts  
we live as though there is no God.

**P** Create in us a clean heart, O God;  
**C** **put a new and right spirit within us.**

**P** We forget all you have done for us,  
and make false idols to be our gods.

**P** Create in us a clean heart, O God;  
**C** **put a new and right spirit within us.**

**P** We act faithlessly, violently,  
and scorn your name.

**P** Create in us a clean heart, O God;  
**C** **put a new and right spirit within us.**

**P** The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

### *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.

Hear the good news!  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 733

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

+ 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. Merciful God, in Christ we see the lengths and depths to which you go to save us. Make us glad in our salvation, so that we may share this good news with friends and neighbors and with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Word*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Aaron Strumpel

*100 Sheep*

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7–14

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

**L** Word of God. Word of life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Introduction to the Day*

*The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

## SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**L** Word of God. Word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## + ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## + GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.]

<sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

<sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 808

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

+ 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 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



## Continuing Prayer Concerns

Sharon & Paul Banitt;

DJ Bedah; Adrienne Bisping;

Mary Boatwright;

Peggy Bowman; Charline Burns;

Amy Cersier; Shirley Cropper;

Vi Dorumsgaard; Katie Falang;

Renae Frasee; Kimberly Garner;

Morrie Gulbrandson;

Nancy Johnson;

Michelle Mamood;

Darlene McQuarrie;

Jeff McQuarrie; June Mondeng;

Juliana Palmer; Jean Rosebrock;

Carol Stout;

Arden & Joyce Swanson;

Vi Tefft; Stephanie Vavrichek;

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 prayers of Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Marion White who died Sept. 4. Marion's funeral was held this past Friday at Hillside Chapel.*

*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.



## 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.*

## OFFERING HYMN

ELW Hymn 779

### *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

#### + 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...

**C** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (Repeat)  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
(return to the beginning)**

#### + 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 HYMNS

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*  
*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

ELW Hymn 608

ELW Hymn 484

## + 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*

## + THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL

*The leader addresses Pastor Jo and then addresses the assembly with these words:*

**L** People of God, members of Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor Jo Bauman Johnson from service as your pastor?

**C** **We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

*The rite continues with the Thanksgiving and Sending and a Benediction.*

## + SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 866

***We Are Marching in the Light***

## + DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## *Flowers*

*The flowers on the altar today are given by Mary Ann Eide in memory of her brother, James Jones.*

*The arrangement of flowers by the pulpit remain from the funeral of Linda Lussier held earlier this week at GA.*

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

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

***Serving Today***

Ministers  
Presiding Minister & Preacher  
Assisting Minister  
Minister of Worship & Music  
Contemporary Choir Director  
Music Leaders  
Lector  
Sacristan  
Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church  
Pastor Jo Bauman Johnson  
Amanda Hakemian  
Deacon Phil Holzman  
Joel Lurvey  
Contemporary Choir  
Kim Huseonica  
Aaron Bisping  
Pat Lynch