

# 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 25

September 22, 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

PRELUDE

Setting, Wayne Wold

*Processional on "Praise, My Soul"*

✝ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Even though we continually turn away from God,  
the Lord is eager to forgive.  
Trusting in the promise of grace,  
let us confess our sin.

**C** **Gracious God, you know our sin:  
We have squandered the gifts you have given us.  
We have failed to forgive our debtors  
as you have forgiven us.  
We have been unfaithful and dishonest  
in small things and great things alike.  
We are shrewd in seeking wealth  
and foolish in following your way.**

**Forgive our sins, O Lord,  
for your name's sake.  
Make us faithful stewards  
of the grace you have given  
and generous in forgiving others;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Our loving God desires everyone to be saved  
and to come to the knowledge of the truth.  
Hear the good news!  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 864

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

### *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.

✚ GREETING

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

☑ **And also with you.**

✚ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW page 140

***This Is the Feast***

✚ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray. Faithful God, we give you thanks that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us with the richness of your glory and the treasure of your grace. Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts, that we may show your love to this generation and welcome us into your eternal home, where we will worship and serve you forever; through Christ our Savior.

☑ **Amen.**

*Word*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4–7

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

☐ Word of God. Word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sebastian Temple

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

*Introduction to the Day*

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

*We want to welcome Pastor Erik Strand to Gustavus Adolphus Church this morning.*

*This is Pastor Erik's first time with us, but he will be back a few more times in the coming weeks. He is fairly recently retired after serving at Edina Community Lutheran Church. He also has a NE Minneapolis connection, having served at the former St. Paul's Lutheran Church.*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

+ ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

## SERMON

### + HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 655

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

### + 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  
creation.



### *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;  
Michelle Mamood;  
Darlene McQuarrie;  
Jeff McQuarrie; June Mondeng;  
Juliana Palmer; Jean Rosebrock;  
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.

*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.

*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 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

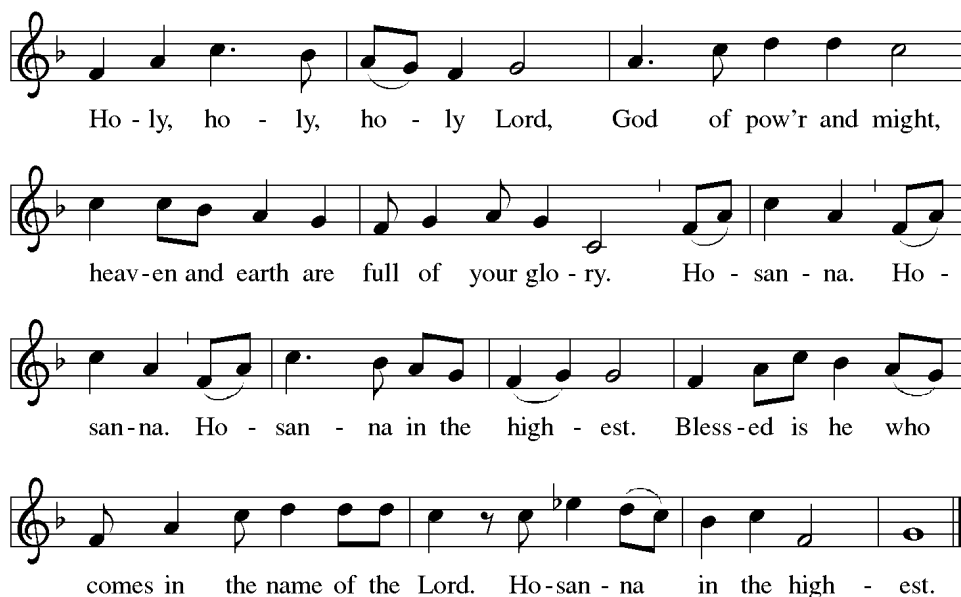
+ OFFERING PRAYER

- 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 HYMNS

**Borning Cry**

ELW Hymn 732

(Be sure to notice the repeat to stanzas 2 and 3)

**Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am**

ELW Hymn 814

## + 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.**



## *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 710

*Let Streams of Living Justice*

✚ DISMISSAL

Ⓐ Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*Choral Song*

As always, you are invited to remain and share in the postlude.

**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  
Musical Offering  
Lector  
Sacristan  
Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church  
Pastor Erik Strand  
Joel Lurvey  
Deacon Phil Holzman  
Senior Choir  
Hannah Rosebrock  
Joan Mitchell  
Brian Hendrickson