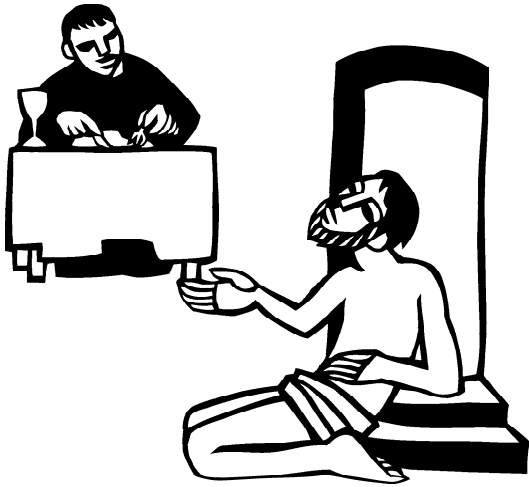


# Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Lectioary 26

September 29, 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

### PRELUDE

Setting, Paul Manz

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

### ✝ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the strength of our ancestors,  
the host of this meal,  
the builder of the city that is to come.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we call out in need, the Lord will answer.  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor,  
trusting in the Lord who sets prisoners free.

**C** **We have sinned, O God,  
hoarding what we have,  
grasping for more,  
and ignoring those who hunger and thirst.  
We stay with our own kind;  
we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress.  
Forgive us;  
purify us;  
remake us,  
that we might love as you love. Amen.**

**P** The Lord welcomes all  
who return from the exile of greed and self-interest.  
Be at peace,  
for in Christ we find our way home again  
where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.

### *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.

### ✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 858

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

### ✝ 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. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Word

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4–7

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
<sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;  
<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
<sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Tandi Tanga Jesus

Trad. African tune

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

*The children will sing in English, Otji-vambo from Namibia, and Swahili from Tanzania. The English translation is:  
"I am thanking Jesus...from my heart."*

## SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6–19

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

## Introduction to the Day

*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

### *Guest Pastor*

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

*Erik was with us last Sunday and  
will be with us again on Oct. 20.  
We thank him for presiding at  
worship and preaching today.*

*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>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

✚ ACCLAMATION



✚ GOSPEL

Luke 16:19–31

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

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—

<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

- 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.

*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.



### *Continuing Prayer Concerns*

Sharon & Paul Banitt;  
DJ Bedah; Adrienne Bisping;  
Mary Boatwright;  
Peggy Bowman; Charline Burns;  
Amy Cersier; Shirley Cropper;  
Vi Dorumsgaard; Katie Falang;  
Rena 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.*

✚ PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## Meal

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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### 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 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

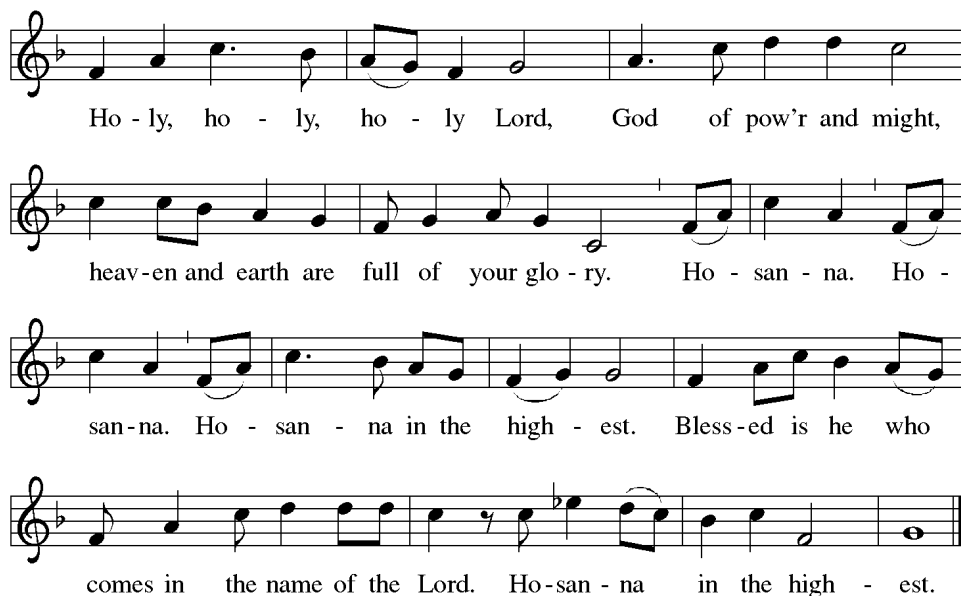
**P** The Lord be with you.

**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

***Beautiful Savior***

ELW Hymn 838

***Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life***

ELW Hymn 719

## ✚ 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 408

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

+ DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Gordon Young

*Postludium*

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  
Carlotta Rosebrock  
Deacon Phil Holzman  
GA Choristers  
Julie O'Donnell  
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