

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.

Reformation
Sunday

October 27, 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

J. S. Bach

Prelude and Fugue in e minor

Please stand as you are able and face the back of the sanctuary for the Confession and Forgiveness.

✝ CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS

ELW page 94

(We will use the left-hand column options)

✝ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ELW Hymn 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

As the processional cross passes your pew, turn and face forward.

✝ 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. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.

Word

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

After a reading from Luke's Gospel and some opening sentences, the congregation is asked to read the following statements as the children receive their Bibles...

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.

We pray God will guide you, your family, and us

as you use this Bible in your home,

in your Sunday School classes, and in worship.

We will learn together and grow in our love for

God's Word.

Thanks be to God!

Then, we ask everyone to join in singing...

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. Thy word is a lamp...

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Nelson & Brown

Grace Alone

Ev'ry promise we can make
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry mountain we will climb
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine
Ev'ry blessing left behind
Is only by His grace

Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now

Introduction to the Day

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

Welcome, Pastor Susan!

We wish to welcome Pastor Susan Masters to GA Church today as she begins her ministry among us as our interim pastor.

We look forward to getting to know her and to working with her in the months ahead.

justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

+ ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 665

Rise, Shine, You People!

+ APOSTLES' CREED

ELW page 105

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

- A** God of mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

After the final petition...

- P** Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen.**

+ PEACE

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

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN ANTHEM

Robert Hobby

Jesus, Author of Salvation

The choir invites the congregation to join in singing stanza 4.



Choir: 1. Je - sus, Au - thor of Sal - va - tion,
Choir: 2. Hum - bly, then, I trust God's prom - ise,
Choir: 3. At your Ta - ble I am nour - ished,
All: 4. Oh, what heav'n - ly joy a - waits me,



love to all the world made known, by your
through no mer - it of my own, raised to
at the font was made your own. Through your
joined with saints a - round your throne! Till that



death and res - ur - rec - tion Death was con - quered,
life the day the an - gel came to roll a -
Church I grow and flour - ish as the liv - ing
day, I glad - ly la - bor that your love in



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;
Norma Munson; Juliana Palmer;
Tom Parker; 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.



sin a - toned. At your cross I stand for - giv - en,
 way the stone. At your emp - ty tomb I mar - vel,
 seed is sown. In your House I pray and wor - ship,
 me be shown. In your world I find my call - ing,



jus - ti - fied by grace a - lone.
 heir to heav'n through faith a - lone.
 ground - ed in God's Word a - lone.
 liv - ing here to Christ a - lone.

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+ 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...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given by Darlene McQuarrie in memory of loved ones.



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

✚ 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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
That Priceless Grace

ELW Hymn 517

ELW Hymn 591

✚ 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 652

Built on a Rock

✚ DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Setting, Johann Walther

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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

Ministers	The Baptized people of GA Church
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Susan Masters
Assisting Minister	Joel Lurvey
Minister of Worship & Music	Deacon Phil Holzman
Lector	Joan Mitchell
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Crucifer	Aaron Bisping
Trumpets	Patrick Arneson
	Aaron Miller
Sacristan	Kathy Schuette
Transportation	Brian Hendrickson