

Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Lectioary 27

October 6, 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

William Mathias

Processional

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 526

God Is Here!

HOLY BAPTISM ... *Sidaleah Friendly Irwin*

Presentation

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P Who presents this child for baptism?

R We present Sidaleah Friendly Irwin for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents...

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Sidaleah baptized into Christ?

R I do.

P As you bring Sidaleah to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten
Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help Sidaleah grow in the Christian faith and life?

R I do.

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.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors...

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Sidaleah in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

R I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly...

P People of God, do you promise to support Sidaleah and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C **We do.**

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of the child. The assembly may join in the responses.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

Introduction to the Day

A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's -worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.



Holy Baptism

Today we welcome Sidaleah Friendly Irwin into the family of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Sidaleah is the daughter of Joy and Eric Irwin. Her sponsors are Beth Moe and Timmy Abraham (in loving memory). (Standing in for Timmy is his mother, LoRencie Abraham.)

We pray God's richest blessings on Sidaleah, her parents and sponsors.

- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C **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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.
- Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.
- By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(The assembly may be seated.)

Baptism

- P** Sidaleah Friendly Irwin, I baptize you in the name of the Father ... and of the Son ... and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- P** You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Sprit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Sidaleah with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Sidaleah, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

Welcome

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Baptism Song – *Jesus Loves Me!*

Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

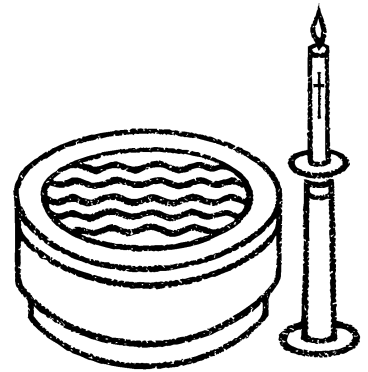
Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

+ 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.



Guest Pastor

*We want to welcome Pastor
Gordon Braatz back to Gustavus
Adolphus Church this morning.*

*Pastor Gordon Braatz has been
with us many times before,
particularly helping us out quite
a bit last fall. We are happy to
have him with us again today.*

Please make him feel welcome!

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. God of our salvation, we thank you for the gift of faith. We thank you for all those who have taught us the good news. Kindle in us always this gift, this good treasure, that we may live the life to which you have called us, according to your purpose and grace. We pray in the name of the one who abolished death and brought life to light through the gospel, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Word

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

arr. Thomas Keesecker

The Silent Stars Shine Down on Us

The silent stars shine down on us with bright but sightless eye,
unmindful of our little earth, of us who live and die.
Are we but grains of stranded sand beside a cosmic sea
that lie unvalued and unseen in such immensity?

Creator of all stars, you came to grace our transient race.
In Christ you spoke a word that broke the silences of space.
Still through that word you call our hearts to know that we are known,
to trust we do not walk through time unvalued and alone.

We see the star the wise men saw and hope again is stirred.
We track the footprints left in time by your incarnate Word.
We see them climb a lonely hill where Love is left to die—
the Love that formed the farthest star and hears the faintest cry.

O Christ, the bright and morning Star whose radiance does not fade,
whose glory filled the universe before the planets played:
come, heal our hearts of blinding doubt till faith shall end in sight.
Shine down upon our darkened earth and conquer sin's long night.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Musical Offering

Our choir's anthem this morning is an arrangement by Thomas Keesecker.

We are excited that Thomas will be here at GA Church tomorrow evening to present a free piano concert and hymn sing at 7:00 p.m. (see announcement sheet).

Thomas Keesecker also composed an anthem for our choir back in 2014 as part of our congregation's 100th anniversary celebration.



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; 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.

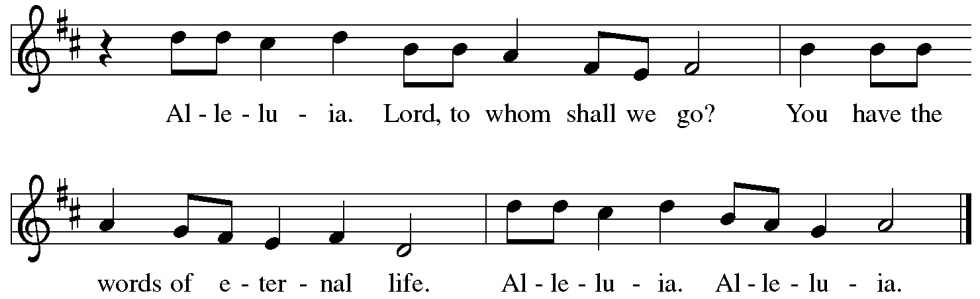
*Our continual prayers are offered
for peace. We pray for all of the
world's governments, leaders, and
peoples, especially for those who
work toward peace.*

*To have someone's name added to
or removed from this list, contact
Phil Holzman.*

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

+ ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 863

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Let us pray for the needs of the world.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

A Great is your faithfulness;

C O God, we hope in you.

After the final petition...

P In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray.

C Amen.

✚ PEACE

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ And also with you.

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

✚ OFFERING PRAYER

☐ 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.

☑ Amen.

✚ GREAT THANKSGIVING

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And also with you.

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.

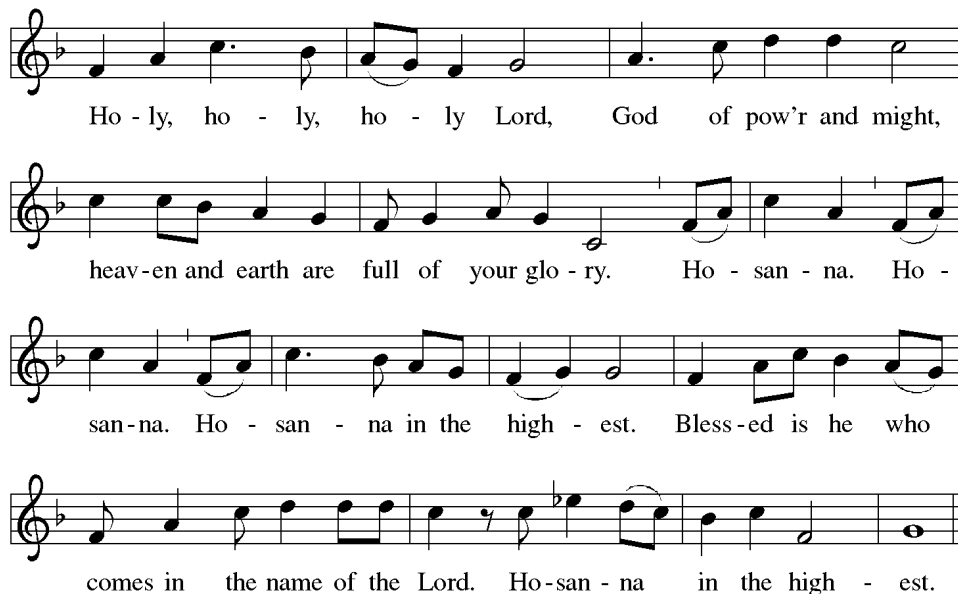


Please join us for The Lord's Supper

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.

- 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...



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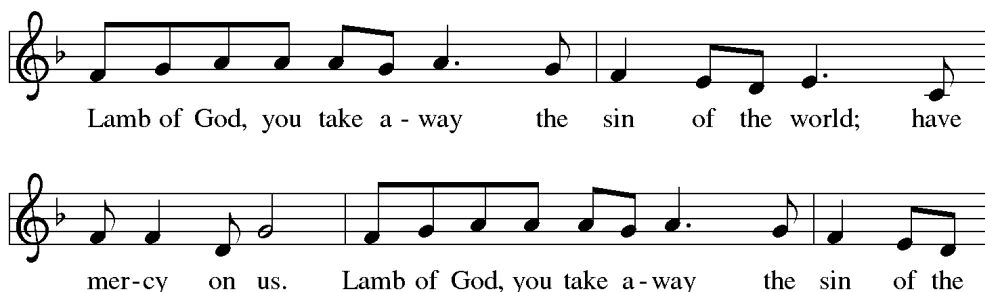
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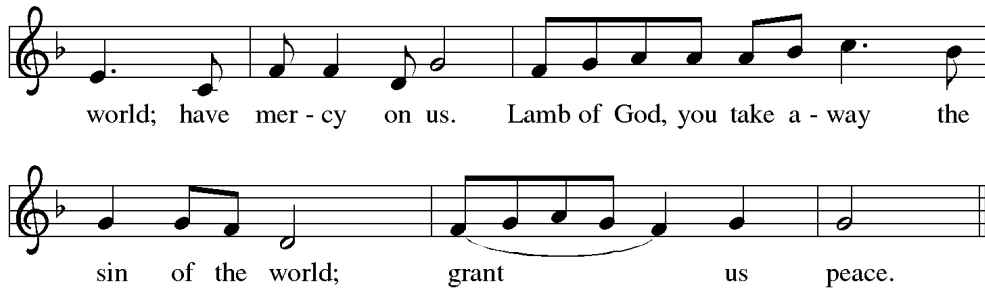
- C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine 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.

HYMN





HYMN

ELW Hymn 759

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

✚ 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 545

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

✚ DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

William Walond

Toccata in G Major

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

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Gustavus Adolphus
Lutheran Church***

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joy
hope
compassion
spirituality
forgiveness
acceptance***



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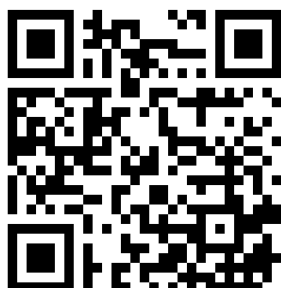
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**God's Mission for Gustavus
Adolphus Church –**

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

Serving Today

Ministers
Presiding Minister & Preacher
Assisting Minister
Minister of Worship & Music
Lector
Musical Offering
Sacristan
Transportation

The Baptized people of GA Church
Pastor Gordon Braatz
Amanda Hakemian
Deacon Phil Holzman
Lynette Paulson
GA Senior Choir
Kathy Schuette
James Hamilton