

# Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Lectionary 32

November 10, 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, Wayne Wold

*Intonation, Chorale, and Trumpet Tune on  
"O Day Full of Grace"*

### ✝ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
healer of our every ill,  
source of unending mercy.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The psalmist tells us that the Lord is near  
to all who call on God in truth.  
Therefore let us now turn to God in prayer,  
trusting in the nearness and compassion of the Holy One.

**P** Gracious God,

**C** **we call upon you, for you will answer us.  
We confess that we have transgressed in our speech  
and have not always avoided the ways of the violent.  
Our steps have not always held to your paths.  
Try us, forgive us, and heal us, dear God.  
Set us on your right ways, and guard us as the apple  
of your eye,  
embracing us once more in your steadfast love. Amen.**

**P** Through grace Christ gives us  
eternal comfort and good hope.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven.

### *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 627

*O Day Full of Grace*

### ✝ 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.**

### ✝ KYRIE

ELW page 138

## + PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Ever-Living God, splendid and wondrous are your acts! You give life and breath to your whole creation and watch over those you love. Strengthen us in every good work, and keep us in your care, that our days may be long to bless you and praise you. You are great, and greatly to be praised!

**C** Amen.

## Word

### SONGS BY OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

*Jesus Loves Me*

*This Little Light of Mine*

### FIRST READING

Job 19:23–27a

<sup>23</sup>“O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
<sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27a</sup>whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### MUSICAL OFFERING

arr. Linda Lamb

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

### SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

<sup>1</sup>As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup>He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

## *Introduction to the Day*

*We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.*

<sup>13</sup>But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

† ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

† GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup>and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

<sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

### + HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 619

#### *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*

Stanza 1	All Voices
Stanza 2	Lower Voices
Stanza 3	All Voices
Stanza 4	Higher Voices
(We omit stanzas 5-7)	
Stanza 8	All Voices

### + PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** United with the saints in every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Petitions follow. Each petition ends...*

- A** God in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition...*

- P** We gather up the prayers of our hearts – both spoken and unspoken – and offer them to you, O God, trusting that you have received them into your care.  
**C** **Amen.**

### + PEACE

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

## Meal

## OFFERING

### OFFERING HYMN



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



### *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;  
Jean Rosebrock; Virginia Seigfried;  
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.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

### + OFFERING PRAYER

**P** God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.

**C** Amen.

### + GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

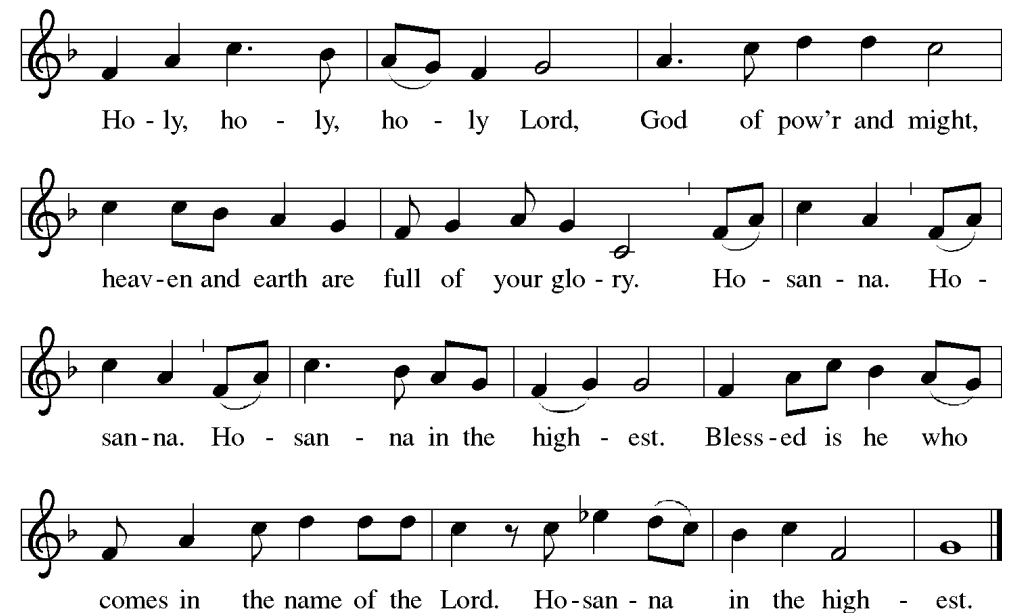
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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



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

## + 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

***For the Bread Which You Have Broken  
When We Are Living***

ELW Hymn 494  
ELW Hymn 639

## + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray. We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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 547

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

+ DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Setting, G. Winston Cassler

*The Ash Grove*

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	The Baptized people of GA Church
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Susan Masters
Assisting Minister	Andrea Carter
Minister of Worship & Music	Deacon Phil Holzman
Lector	Adrienne Bisping
Choir	Gustavus Bells
Sacristan	Aaron Bisping
Transportation	Jon Stoewer