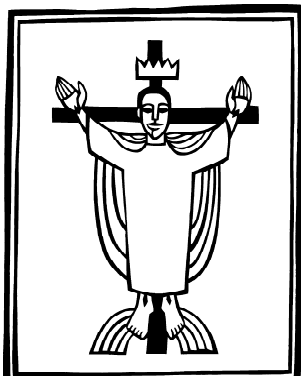


# Gustavus Adolphus

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.

Christ the King

November 24, 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

Claude Debussy

*Sarabande*

✝ CALL TO WORSHIP – excerpted from Psalm 46

**P** God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**C** **Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,  
the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
its waters roar and foam,  
and the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

**P** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**C** **God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

**P** “Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations. I am exalted in the earth.”

**C** **The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**P** Therefore we will not fear.

**C** **Therefore we will not fear.**

ANTHEM

Amanda Husberg

*God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

The Choristers invite you to turn to hymn 736.

After the Choristers sing the hymn one time,  
we will all sing it together.

### *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.

HOLY BAPTISM ... *Thomas Arthur Nordling*

### **Presentation**

**D** 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.

**D** Who presents this child for baptism?

**R** We present Thomas Arthur Nordling for baptism.

*The deacon addresses the parents...*

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

**R** I do.

**D** As you bring Thomas to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that he 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.

**D** Do you promise to help Thomas grow in the Christian faith and life?

**R** I do.

*The deacon addresses sponsors...*

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

**R** I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly...*

**D** People of God, do you promise to support Thomas and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C** We do.

*The assembly stands.*

### **Profession of Faith**

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

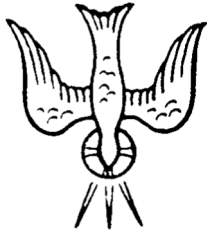
**D** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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

**R** I renounce them.

### *Introduction to the Day*

*Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.*



### *Holy Baptism*

Today we welcome  
Thomas Arthur Nordling  
into the family of Christ  
through the sacrament of  
Holy Baptism.

Thomas is the son of Brooke  
and Eric Nordling.

Thomas' sponsors are  
Matthew Nordling and  
Maggie Rodrigues.

We pray God's richest  
blessings on  
Thomas, his parents,  
and sponsors.

- D** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel  
against God?  
**R** I renounce them.
- D** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?  
**R** I renounce them.

*The deacon addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

- D** Do you believe in God the Father?  
**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**
- D** 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.**
- D** 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.**

### **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** We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit  
moved over the waters and by your Word you created the  
world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through  
the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family,  
and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery  
into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus'  
death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin  
and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*(The assembly may be seated.)*

## **Baptism**

**P** Thomas Arthur Nordling, 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 Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Thomas 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** Thomas, 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.

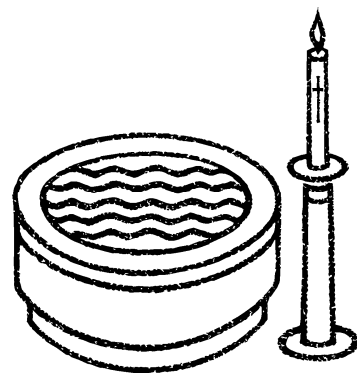
**C** **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

SONG

ELW Hymn 736

***God the Sculptor of the Mountains***

During the singing of Hymn 736, the children will receive a "Noisy Offering" on behalf of our eight Mission Partners.



*Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1–6

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

**P** Word of God. Word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11–20

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

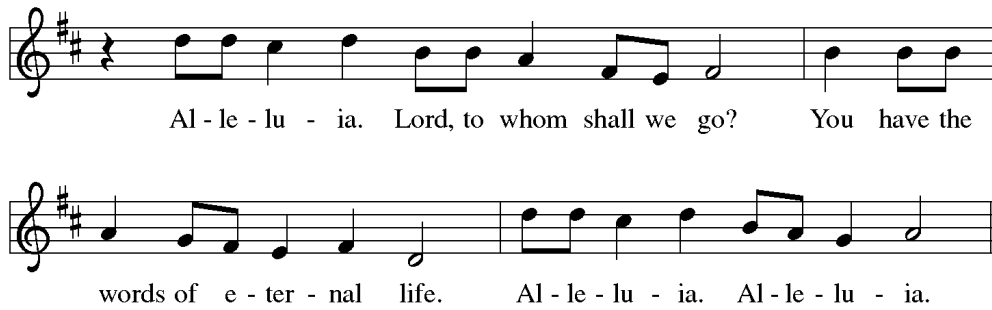
<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**P** Word of God. Word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

## ✠ ACCLAMATION



## ✠ GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

## ✠ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 431

***O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us***

## ✠ 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.**

*Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*



## *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;  
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Norma Munson; Juliana Palmer;  
Jean Rosebrock; Virginia Seigfried;  
Arden & Joyce Swanson;  
Vi Tefft; Stephanie Vavrichek;  
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 Anthem

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.

Today's piece is one that we typically think of as a Thanksgiving hymn, so it is appropriate that we sing it this Sunday before our Thanksgiving holiday. However, the text has a richer meaning in these "end times" of the liturgical year. If you pay close attention to the words, especially of stanza four, you can find a double-meaning of God gathering us in at the "final harvest home."

However this hymn resonates with you, we invite you to join the choir in singing stanzas one and four!

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

#### OFFERTORY HYMN-ANTHEM

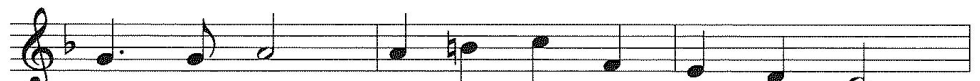
*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*



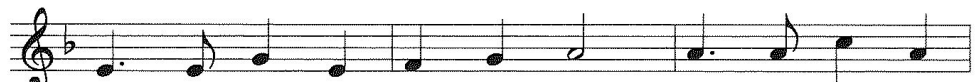
*All:* Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; raise the  
*Choir:* All the world is God's own field, fruit un -  
*Choir:* For the Lord our God shall come and shall  
*All:* E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy



song of har - vest home. All be safe - ly  
to his praise to yield; wheat and tares to -  
take his har - vest home; from his field shall  
fi - nal har - vest home. Gath - er then thy



gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn  
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the  
there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner



be sup - plied. Come to God's own tem - ple,  
shall ap - pear. Lord of har - vest, grant that  
tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to  
to a - bide. Come, with all thine an - gels,





come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

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## ✝ 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...



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.



## *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.*

## Flowers

The flowers on the altar today  
are presented by Pat and Pete  
Zenk in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup>  
wedding anniversary.

### + 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

**What Feast of Love**

ELW Hymn 487

**Jesus, Remember Me**

ELW Hymn 616

### + 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.

## Sending

### + BLESSING

### + SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 634

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

### + DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

### POSTLUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Toccata in F Major*

As always, you are invited to remain for the postlude.

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Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM—Noon



An event for all ages:  
Activities designed to reflect  
upon this season of waiting.

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Watercolor

Leather Stamping

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Ornament Making

Learn an Advent Hymn



*Lunch provided*

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accepted*

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

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Choirs  
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Transportation

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