

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.

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2020

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.

When the Prelude Begins...

When the music begins, we encourage you to quiet your hearts and minds and begin to focus on worship.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Setting, Dietrich Buxtehude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! (Variations)

WELCOME

MUSICAL MEDITATION

✝ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed
with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the
gift of baptism.

C **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.**

P Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah
and his family.
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 water and your Word you claim us as daughters
and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C **We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in
Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness,
grace, and love.**

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.

- P** To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

+ GATHERING SONG ELW Hymn 455
Crashing Waters at Creation

+ 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 our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you
proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with
the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ
faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and
empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-9

- ¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
- ³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- ⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

Introduction to the Day

*In the waters of the Jordan,
Jesus is revealed as the
beloved Son of God.
Through this great
epiphany, Jesus fulfills all
righteousness and becomes
the servant of God who will
bring forth justice and be a
light to the nations. In the
waters of baptism we too
are washed by the Word,
anointed by the Spirit, and
named God's beloved
children. Our baptismal
mission is to proclaim good
news to all who are
oppressed or in need of
God's healing.*

Guest Organist

Today we welcome Mark Spitzack as our guest organist. Mark is no stranger to our congregation as he has served as choir accompanist for our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for the past several years and served as our guest organist just two Sundays ago. Please take a moment to welcome to Mark when you see him this morning.

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Text by Carolyn Gillette

Down by the Jordan

PSALM 29

We will sing the refrain then read the psalm responsively,
singing the refrain again where indicated.



- ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of
glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. Refrain**
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. Refrain**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. **Refrain**

✦ ACCLAMATION

ELW Hymn 671, Stanza 1

Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!*

*Verse: Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me (Repeat refrain):*

✦ GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13–17

☞ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

☞ The gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

✦ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 448

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

☞ Let us pray now for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs.



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; 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.*



*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.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

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

After the final petition...

- P** Hear now these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

+ PEACE

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

Meal

OFFERING

- A** Let us now give out of the abundance of God's goodness to us.

OFFERING HYMN

ELW Hymn 308, Stanzas 1, 2, and 3

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
our Lord and Savior, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,
all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Come, precious diamond, light divine,
and deep within our hearts now shine;
there light a flame undying!
In your one body let us be
as living branches of a tree,
your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily earth's deep sadness
may perplex us and distress us,
yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.

Lord, when you look on us in love,
at once there falls from God above
a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood
refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy warm and cheer us!
Oh, draw near us! For you teach us
God's own love through you has reached us.

✚ OFFERING PRAYER

P God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

C Amen.

✚ GREAT THANKSGIVING (Setting Four)

ELW page 152

✚ 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 SONGS

Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

ELW Hymn 800

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✝ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sending

✝ BLESSING

P Receive now the final charge and blessing.
The path that Christ walks brings justice upon the earth; may it bring light to those who sit in darkness, bring out those who live in bondage, and bring new things to all creation.

C **May this path run through our lives. And may we be the road Christ takes. Amen.**

✝ SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 310

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

✝ DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Setting, Dietrich Buxtehude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

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	Hannah Rosebrock
Organist & Choir Director	Mark Spitzack
Lector	Joan Mitchell
Choir	Senior Choir
Sacristan	Kathy Schuette
Transportation	Joel Lurvey