

# 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.

Third Sunday  
After Epiphany

January 26, 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.

## *When the Prelude Begins...*

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

## *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.

† Please stand as you are able.

## *Gathering*

PRELUDE

Claude Louis Balbastre

*Noel with Variations*

WELCOME

MUSICAL MEDITATION

(Today’s meditation will transition into the introduction for the gathering song. Please stand as you are able at the conclusion of the introduction.)

† GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 580

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

† GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

† PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

## *Word*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1–4

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

☒ Word of God. Word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Jayne Southwick Cool

*Lumen Christi*  
(*The Light of Christ*)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

☒ Word of God. Word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

+ 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*):

## *Introduction to the Day*

*Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.*

† GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

<sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

☐ The gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

† HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 817

***You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore***

† APOSTLES' CREED

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

☑ The following people, who have indicated their desire to become members of Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, are asked to come forward as their names are read:  
Cheryl Johnson and Brooke Nordling.

☐ In the Apostles' Creed, you have made public your profession of faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear and experience the living Word and share in the holy meal, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through

word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**R** *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

**P** Do you covenant to support the Gustavus Adolphus community with your prayers, active participation, and stewardship to the best of your abilities?

**R** *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

**D** People of GA congregation: Cheryl and Brooke have come to us, desiring to become members of this community of faith. Do you covenant to support them with your love, your prayers, and your friendship to the best of your abilities?

**C** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**D** Please offer them your words of welcome.

**C** **We welcome you, Cheryl and Brooke, as members of Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, to join with us in all that we do: worship God, hear the Word, and share in the holy meal. We invite you to join us as we extend this holy hospitality of Christ to all people, to strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world, and to seek justice and peace for all of God's creation.**

**P** Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, for Cheryl and Brooke and their faithfulness to you and to this community of faith. By your life-giving power, bind us to one another in you, strengthen us for our baptismal vocation of love and service, support us with your grace, and guide us together as we grow in faith. In Jesus' name we pray,

**C** **Amen.**

#### + PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A** We pray now for the church, the world, and ourselves.

*Petitions follow. Each petition ends...*

**A** God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition...*

**P** May all our prayers be selfless and in service to the world.

**C** **Amen.**

#### + PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**



#### *Continuing Prayer Concerns*

*Sharon & Paul Banitt;  
DJ Bedah; Adrienne Bisping;  
Mary Boatwright;  
Peggy Bowman; Charline Burns;  
Amy Cersier; Shirley Cropper;  
Vi Dorumsgaard; Katie Falang;  
Rena Frasee; Kimberly Garner;  
Morrie Gulbrandson;  
Nancy Johnson;  
Michelle Mamood;  
Darlene McQuarrie;  
Jeff McQuarrie; Norma Munson;  
Juliana Palmer; Jean Rosebrock;  
Virginia Seigfried;  
Kermit Sommers;  
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.*

# Meal

## OFFERING

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

## OFFERING 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.*



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to  
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in  
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,  
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or  
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in  
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -  
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



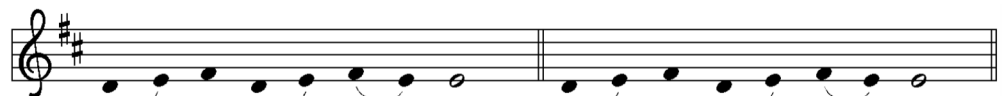
doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

## + 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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
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, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

† 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***  
***As the Grains of Wheat***  
***We Come to the Hungry Feast***

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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. Go now. Listen for the voice of the Lord and follow wherever it leads. And as you go, may God be with you and speak through you; may Christ Jesus be one with you and raise you to life; and (+) may the Holy Spirit dwell within you and make you holy.

**C We go in the name of Christ. Amen.**

✝ SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 548

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

✝ DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**C Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Henry Purcell

*Fanfare in C Major*

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	Lynette Paulson
Choir	Senior Choir
Sacristan	Kathy Schuette
Transportation	Brian Hendrickson