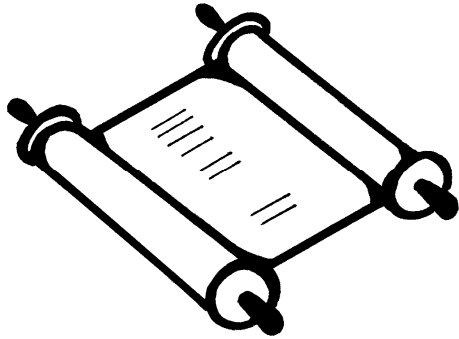


Gustavus Adolphus

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.

Sixth Sunday
After Epiphany

February 16, 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.

Gathering

When the Prelude Begins...

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

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

MUSICAL MEDITATION

✝ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us now confess our sins before God and one another.

P Loving God, you call us into community, teach us your ways,
and bless us with abundant life.

C **But too often we turn away to follow other paths,
listening to the world's call rather than your call to
commitment. We let our differences divide us and tend
to cherish our resentments, shutting off our hearts from
forgiveness and reconciliation, and clinging to our petty
jealousies. Forgive us when we wander from your love,
and draw us into community with one another, that we
may grow in faithfulness and work together in peace.
Amen.**

P God is at work, hearing our confessions, forgiving our
disobedience, and blessing us in love. Sisters and brothers,
may you know forgiveness, in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 713

O God of Every Nation

✝ 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.**

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.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Leslie Phillips

Your Kindness

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-19

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

Introduction to the Day

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

☐ 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*):

✦ GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21–37

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 5th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’
³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

- P** The gospel of the Lord.
- G** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 612

Healer of Our Every Ill

+ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

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

After the final petition...

- P** Holy One, grant that all our prayers be selfless and in service to the world.
- G** **Amen.**

+ PEACE

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

Meal

OFFERING

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

OFFERING HYMN



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Continuing Prayer Concerns

Sharon & Paul Banitt;
 DJ Bedah; Adrienne Bisping;
 Peggy Bowman; Bruce Brau;
 Charline Burns; Amy Cersier;
 Shirley Cropper;
 Vi Dorumsgaard; Bill Eads;
 Katie Falang; Renae Frasee;
 Kimberly Garner;
 Morrie Gulbrandson;
 Nancy Johnson;
 Darlene McQuarrie;
 Jeff McQuarrie; Norma Munson;
 Juliana Palmer; Jean Rosebrock;
 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.



*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.

Leader or All

Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All

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† 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

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...

C **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (Repeat)
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
(return to the beginning)**

† 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

Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil ELW Hymn 721

Blessed Assurance ELW Hymn 638

+ 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.

G **Amen.**

Sending

+ BLESSING

P Receive now the final charge and blessing.

P Church, God has placed before you both life and death. May you go now as a people daring to choose life.

G **We go, committed to choosing life and following God's way.**

P Along the paths you walk, may God hold you steady and close. May Christ Jesus bless you and give you pace. And may the Spirit give you length of days and fullness of life.

G **We go in service to the world. Amen.**

+ SENDING SONG ELW Hymn 720

We Are Called

+ DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Let your light shine.

G **Thanks be to God!**

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***Our Core Values at
Gustavus Adolphus
Lutheran Church***

***love
joy
hope
compassion
spirituality
forgiveness
acceptance***

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

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



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



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
Contemporary Choir Director	Joel Lurvey
Lector	Kim Huseonica
Choir	Contemporary Choir
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