

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.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 23, 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.

Today's prelude is based on hymn 316 in our hymnal – a hymn for Transfiguration Sunday.

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.

✝ Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Setting, David Johnson

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

WELCOME

MUSICAL MEDITATION

(This morning's musical meditation will lead directly into the introduction of the gathering song.)

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 314

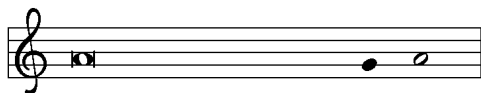
Arise, Your Light Has Come!

✝ GREETING

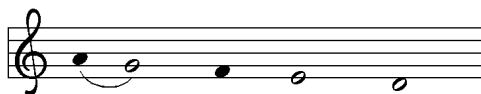
☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

✝ KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



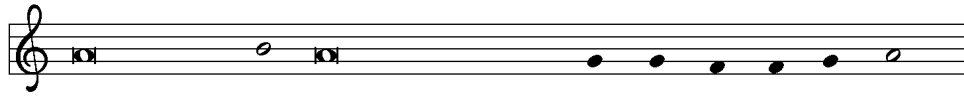
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

✚ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

Introduction to the Day

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches (ours included) put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

✚ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the LORD" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Beautiful Savior

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

P Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

✝ 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 & 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 17:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.



Continuing Prayer Concerns

Sharon & Paul Banitt;
DJ Bedah; Adrienne Bisping;
Peggy Bowman; 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.*

Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

✝ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 315

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

✝ 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

After the final petition...

P Holy One, grant that 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.**

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
2 Je-sus is ours! . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

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.

✚ 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.

G Amen.

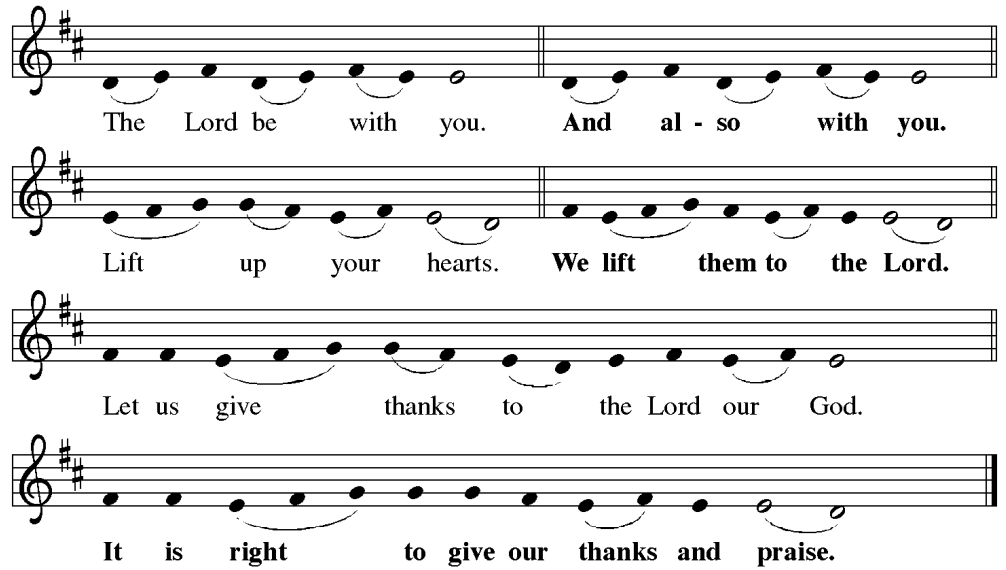


Please join us for The Lord's Supper

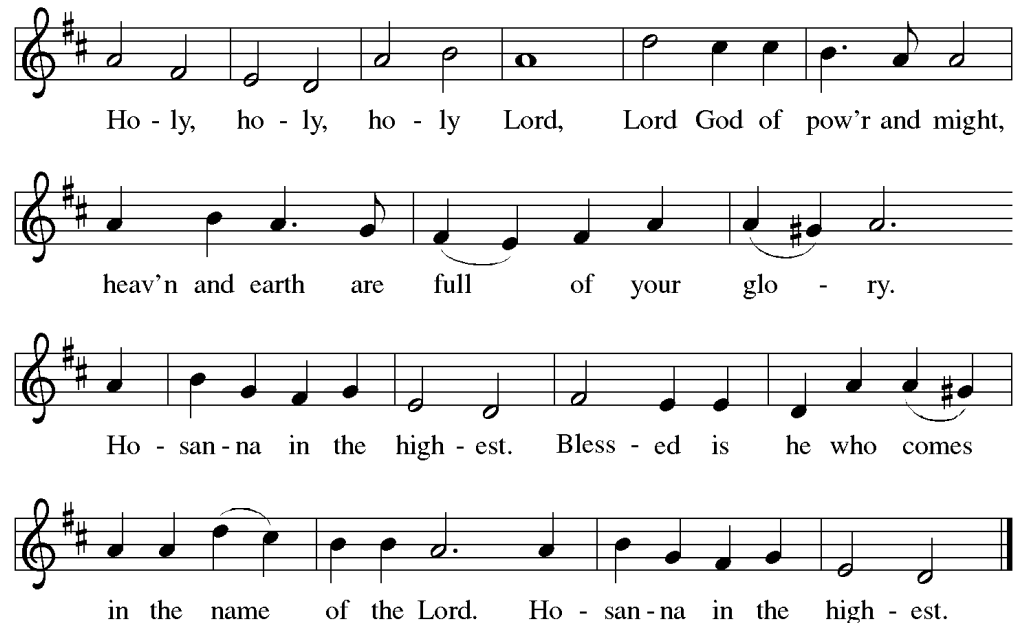
All are invited to join us in the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine and that we receive God's grace and forgiveness through this meal. Those adults and children not communing with us are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

There are gluten-free wafers available for those who need them. Simply indicate this to the communion server.

✝ GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
join their unending hymn...



✝ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

✝ LORD'S PRAYER

☐ **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



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.

Immortal, Invisible



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!



✝ 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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sending

✝ BLESSING

P Receive now the final charge and blessing. As you come back down the mountain, may you go sure-footed in faith, with eyes wide open and waiting for God's glory to surprise you in unexpected ways. And may the blessing of the God of mystery, love, and (✝) hope be with you, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✝ SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 318

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

✝ DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C **Thanks be to God!**

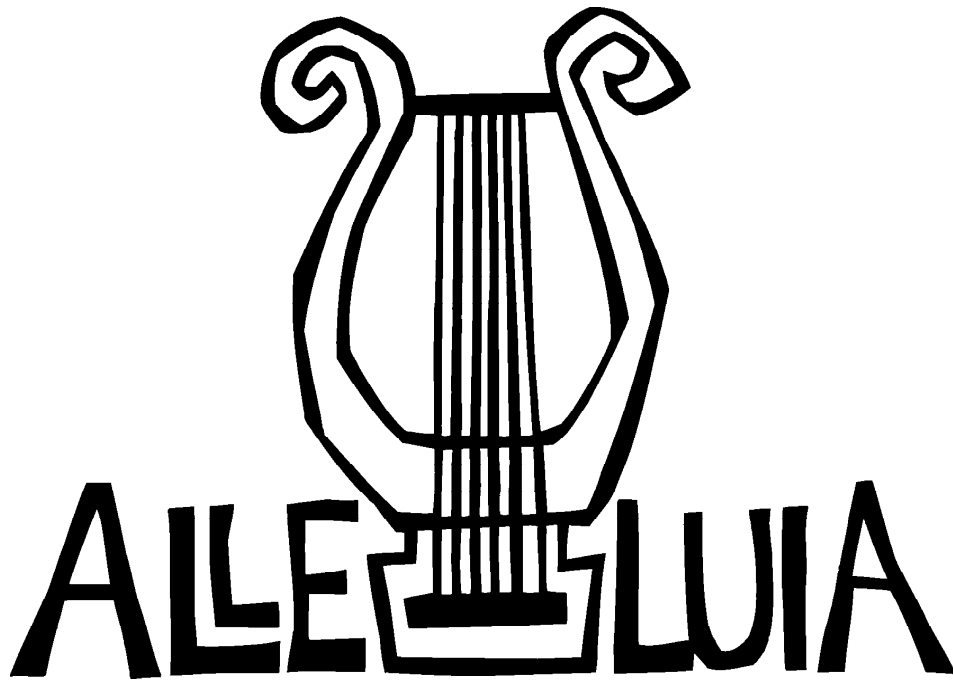
POSTLUDE

John Dunstable

Oh Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

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

Today's piece is a short, fanfare-like piece based on hymn 316 in our hymnal – a hymn for Transfiguration Sunday.



“Alleluia” is a word of great praise to God in the life of the church, and it was prominent in early Christian liturgy.

Because of the penitential nature of the season, the word is traditionally suspended (or “buried”) during the 40 days of Lent, which begins this week with Ash Wednesday.

In keeping with the joyful occasion of resurrection, we will bring it back to our worship on Easter Sunday.

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

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

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

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

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



Serving Today

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Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Susan Masters
Assisting Minister	Derrick Watson
Minister of Worship & Music	Deacon Phil Holzman
Lector	Carlotta Rosebrock
Choir	Gustavus Bells
Flute	Michelle Rinken
Sacristan	Joan Mitchell
Transportation	Brian Hendrickson