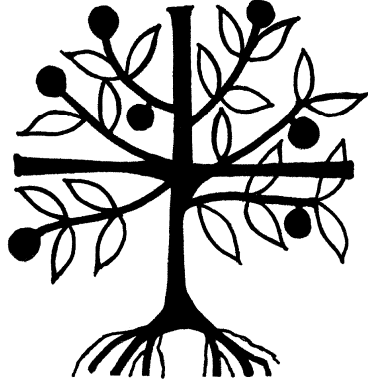


Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



First Sunday
in Lent

March 1, 2020

9:30 a.m.

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.

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

Johann Pachelbel

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

WELCOME

MUSICAL MEDITATION

✠ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C **Amen.**

P If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord,
who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.**

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

Give us new hearts and right spirits,

**that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P Receive good news: God turns to you in love.
"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.
All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

C **Amen.**

✠ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 319

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

✠ 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. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L Word of God. Word of life.

G Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Southern Mountain Tune

At the Cross

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
 Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
 At the cross, at the cross I saw the light, and my burden was rolled away.
 Well, was it for sins that I had done that he groaned upon the tree?
 Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!
 At the cross, at the cross I saw the light, and my burden was rolled away.
 Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in,
 when Christ the maker died for his own creatures' sin.
 At the cross, at the cross I saw the light, and my burden was rolled away.
 My Savior, my Savior died. He bled and died, died in love for me.
 Yes, he died for me.

Introduction to the Day

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

Today's Choir Anthem

Our anthem, arranged by Patricia Hurlbutt for a *cappella* choir and soloist, uses a southern mountain folk tune and text by Isaac Watts and Ralph Hudson. It is a very moving and haunting piece that the choir has enjoyed preparing for worship today.



Continuing Prayer Concerns

*Sharon & Paul Banitt;
DJ Bedah; 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;
Judy Reeves and daughter, Teri;
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*

† GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4th chapter.

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

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

† HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 808

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

† PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A Let us pray now for the church, for the world, and for one another.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

A God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

After the final petition...

P Holy One, may all that we do be in service to you and to the world.

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



1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

✦ OFFERING PRAYER

P Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

G Amen.

✦ GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



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

Offering Hymn

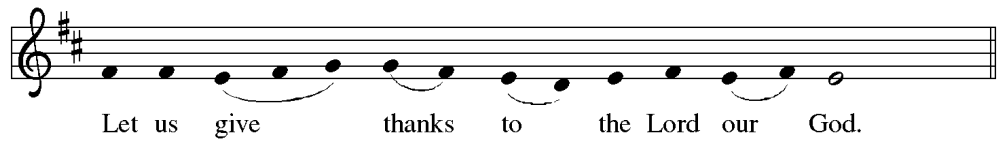
The giving of our tithes and offerings is an act of worship. Singing a hymn is also an act of worship. To maintain a worshipful mood during the offering, we sing a hymn.



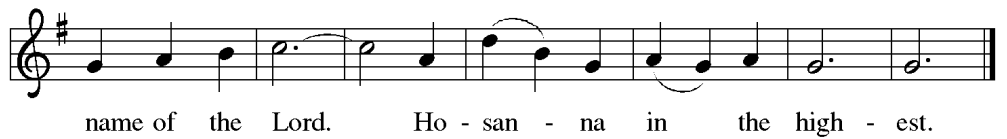
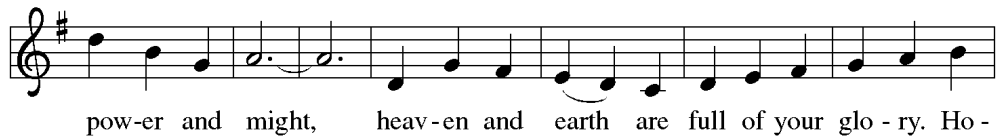
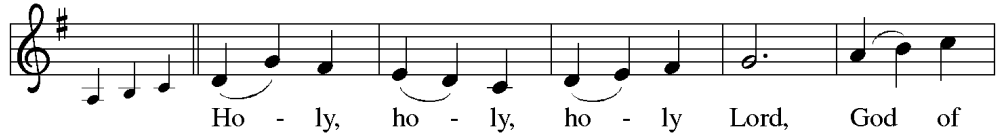
*Please join us for
The Lord's Supper*

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.



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 SONGS

***In the Cross of Christ I Glory
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me***

ELW Hymn 324
ELW Hymn 325

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (remain seated)

- A** Let us pray. We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.
- C** **Amen.**

Sending

INSTALLATION OF 2020 CHURCH COUNCIL

- D** Friends, at this time we want to recognize, support, and install those who have been elected to serve on our Church Council in 2020. The following persons are asked to come forward as their names are read: Jenny Parker, Sarah Larson, Andrea Carter, Dee Kjera, Ed Huble, James Hamilton, Erik Peterson, and Cindy Bach.

St. Paul writes that there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit who gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

- P** Jenny, Sarah, Andrea, Dee, Ed, James, Erik, and Cindy, you have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. As members of the Church Council, we ask you to lead us as, together, we endeavor to reflect the love and teachings of Jesus, in whose name we gather, both here at GA and within this community and the whole world.

I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out these duties to the best of your ability?

- R** *Yes, by the help of God.*

- P** People of GA, I ask you: Will you support these leaders whom you have elected, offering them your love, your prayers, and your respect? And will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to each one of us?

- C** **Yes, by the help of God.**

- P** Jenny, Sarah, Andrea, Dee, Ed, James, Erik, and Cindy, I now declare you installed as members of the Church Council of Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church. I commit to each of you the love, respect, and encouragement of each of us whom you will lead. May the Holy Spirit bless you and guide you, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

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God's work. Our hands.



D Let us pray. For all who faithfully offer themselves in service to your name, we give you thanks, O God. May they know the joy of serving you, this congregation, and one another. And help us all be thankful recipients of their ministry, that your name be glorified, your people live in peace, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

† BLESSING

P Go now, and live in the spirit of your baptism, even when you are led into wild and hard places. And as you go, may God enfold you in tender and lasting love, may Christ be beside you in times of struggle, and may the (†) Spirit guide you back to the path whenever you stray.

C Amen.

† SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 326

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

† DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

François Couperin

Fugue in g minor

**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	Amanda Hakemian
Minister of Worship & Music	Deacon Phil Holzman
Lector	Carlotta Rosebrock
Choir	Senior Choir
Soloist	Carlotta Rosebrock
Sacristan	Aaron Bisping
Transportation	James Hamilton