

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
in Lent

March 15, 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

Setting, Mark Sedio

Once Led to Your Font

WELCOME

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Today's meditation will lead directly into the gathering song. Please stand as you are able at the conclusion of the musical meditation.

✝ GATHERING SONG

ELW Hymn 770

Give Me Jesus

HOLY BAPTISM ... *Della Maxine Nielsen*

Presentation

☐ God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

☐ Who presents this child for baptism?

☒ We present Della Maxine Nielsen for baptism.

The deacon addresses the parents...

☐ Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Della baptized into Christ?

☒ I do.

☐ As you bring Della to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten
Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

D Do you promise to help Della grow in the Christian faith and life?

R I do.

The deacon addresses sponsors...

D Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Della in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

R I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly...

D People of God, do you promise to support Della and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C **We do.**

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

The deacon addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of the child. The assembly may join in the responses.

D I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

D Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R I renounce them.

D Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R I renounce them.

D Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I renounce them.

The deacon addresses the candidates and the assembly.

D Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

D Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

Introduction to the Day

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.



Holy Baptism

Today we welcome
Della Maxine Nielsen
into the family of Christ
through the sacrament of
Holy Baptism.

Della is the daughter of
Jill and Matthew Nielsen and
sister to Nora and Dean.

Della's sponsors are
Jennifer Parker and
Tessa Mostrom.

We pray God's richest
blessings on
Della, her parents,
sponsors, and siblings.

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

D Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(The assembly may be seated.)

Baptism

P Della Maxine Nielsen, I baptize you in the name of the Father ... and of the Son ... and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Della with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Della, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

Welcome

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

BAPTISM SONG

Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

*Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

+ GREETING

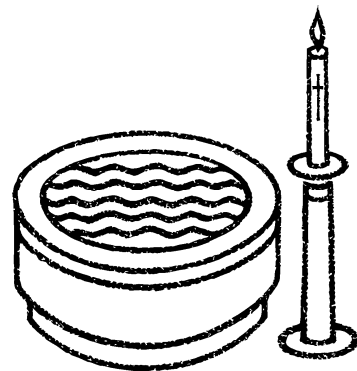
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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 17:1–7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the LORD among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

- L** Word of God. Word of life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1–11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus’ death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- L** Word of God. Word of life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

† ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

† GOSPEL

John 4:5-30; 39-42

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

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

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.



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.

We offer prayers of thanksgiving
 for the newly baptized:
 Della Maxine Nielsen, her parents,
 sponsors, and siblings.

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.

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

- ☐ The gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

✝ HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

✝ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- ☐ We pray now for the church, for the world, and for one another.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

- ☐ O healing river,
- ☑ **pour down your waters, and heal your people.**

After the final petition...

- ☐ In the name of Jesus Christ – the source of living water – we pray.
- ☑ **Amen.**

✝ PEACE

- ☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

Meal

✝ GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



✦ 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.



*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.

INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION

- *Please bring your offering forward and place it in the plates provided.*
- *Please use the hand sanitizer provided.*
- *If you wish to receive Communion, let Pastor or Assisting Minister know if you prefer wine or juice. Then cup your hands and they will dip the bread into the cup and drop it into your hands. Gluten free bread and uncontaminated wine/juice are available.*
- *Kleenex is available to wipe off wine/juice.*
- *If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your body.*

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.

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW Hymn 777

✝ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- 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

✠ BLESSING

P Receive now the final charge and blessing.

P As you go into the world, may the Lord who gave water to his people in the wilderness pour out upon you the fullness of his blessings; may your faith be grounded upon the rock which cannot move; and may your love be as bountiful as the love which sustains you always. In the name of the (✠) Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

✠ DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Setting, Diane Bish

Postlude on "Nettleton"

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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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