GustavusAdolphus

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019 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

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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+ GATHERING SONG ELW Hymn 835 *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!*

+ GREETING

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.
- + PRAYER OF THE DAY
- ▶ Let us pray. Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray.
- **G** Amen.

Word

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.

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L Word of God. Word of life.





Introduction to the Day

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light through the lens of love.

SECOND READING

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

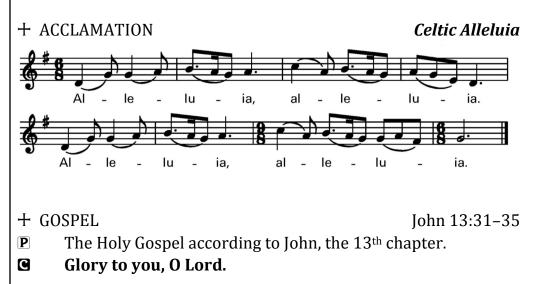
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

L Word of God. Word of life.

G Thanks be to God.



After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

I NOTICE..., I WONDER...

SERMON

I HEAR...

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW Hymn 377

ELW page 104

+ NICENE CREED

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A In this season of Easter rejoicing, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings for the church and the world.

Petitions follow. Each petition ends...

- **A** O God of love,
- **G** raise us to new life in Christ.

After the final petition...

- **P** For so many blessings, and for answered prayers, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
- **G** Amen.

+ PEACE

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

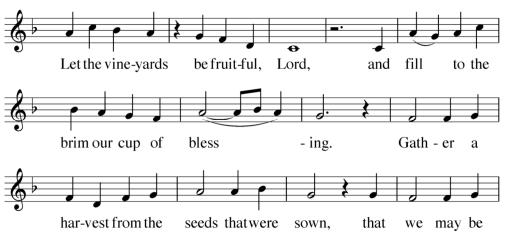
Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Alleluia! The Great Storm Is Over Contemporary Choir Bob Franke

+ OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful





Continuing Prayer Concerns

Sharon & Paul Banitt; Mary Boatwright; *Peggy Bowman; Charline Burns;* Shirley Cropper; Vi Dorumsgaard; Katie Falang; Renae Frasee; Kimberly Garner; Morrie Gulbrandson; *Jeff McQuarrie; June Mondeng;* Juliana Palmer; Jean Rosebrock; Carol Stout: Arden & Joyce Swanson; Vi Tefft; Stephanie Vavrichek; Marion White; Nikki Wick; Andrew; Annette and family; Sveah: Gretchen: Bre: Winnie: 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.

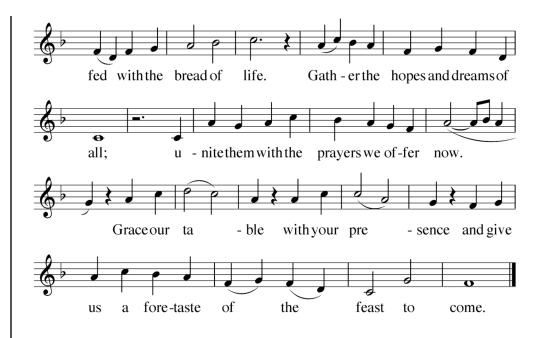
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Please join us for The Lord's Supper

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.



+ OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

G Amen.

- + GREAT THANKSGIVING
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... join their unending hymn...
- 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

Our Father, who art in heaven...

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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

One Bread, One Body Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love ELW Hymn 496 ELW Hymn 708

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.
- **G** Amen.

Sending

- + BLESSING
- + SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 720

We Are Called

+ DISMISSAL

- P Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **P** Go in peace. Share the good news.
- **G** Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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love joy hope compassion spirituality forgiveness acceptance respect



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God's Work. Our Hands Your gift. Your choice.

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> God's Mission for Gustavus Adolphus Church –

To build community where God is at the center.

Serving Today

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