

# Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church

E.L.C.A.



This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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Ministers:

*You, All Members of G.A.*

Pastor:

**Jaime Decker**

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Prelude Music

Welcome/Announcements

**Gathering**

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins*

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

L: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

L: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

L: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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**\*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**

**C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Word**

**Psalm**

**(Please Read Responsively)**

**Psalm 98**

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Gospel Acclamation

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**Gospel Reading**

**John 15:9-17**

P: The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_ **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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**Prayers of Intercession**

Response: **Hear Our Prayer**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Offering**

\*Offering Song

*Give Thanks*

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**\* Offering Prayer**

**C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

**Meal**

**Holy Communion**

\*Great Thanksgiving

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\*Holy, Holy, Holy

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\*Words of Institution

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\*Lord’s Prayer

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**\*Invitation to Communion**

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God’s table.

Communion Distribution (All Are Welcome to Receive Communion Here at GA Church)

\*Post Communion Blessing

**\* Post Communion Prayer**

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending**

\*Benediction

**\*Sending Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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**\*Dismissal**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C: To Share the Good News of God’s Word and to serve the community and the world.  
Thanks be to God.**

\*Postlude

Mission Statement of Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church (Adopted in 2022)  
**To share the Good News of God’s Word and to serve the community and the world.**  
*Matthew 22:39* ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’  
*Matthew 28:19* Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name  
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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We celebrate weekly Holy Communion. We welcome all who believe in the Risen Christ and who find in the sacrament our Lord’s real presence for the forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life. If you receive communion in your home congregation, you are invited to receive it here at G.A. Red wine and white grape juice will be offered to you in Christ’s name. You may choose your preference. If you are unable to receive wheat bread, or wine, be sure that in a single element you receive the Presence and all the gifts of the sacrament. *From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted and live streamed by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #35904. CCLI# 3138595 and #21256999*  
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