

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church-E.L.C.A.



The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 9th, 2023

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Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church—E.L.C.A.
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, June 25th, 2023

Ministers:

You, All Members of G.A.

Pastor:

Jaime Decker

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Prelude Music

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering

***Confessions and Forgiveness**

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Righteous God, **C: we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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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: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You,

LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

R: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it,

but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I

can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is

what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in

the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my

mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am!

Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to _____

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting

in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has

a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard,

a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." ²⁵At that time Jesus

said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the

wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious

will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the

Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal

him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you

rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will

find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Message

***The Creed**

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Prayers of Intercession

Response: **Your Mercy Is Great.**

Sharing the Peace

Offering

*Offering Song

Give Thanks

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* Offering Prayer

C: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

*Lamb of God

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

*Post Communion Blessing

* Post Communion Prayer

P: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Sending

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

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*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

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

*Postlude

Mission Statement of Gustaf 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.

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