

# Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church

E.L.C.A.



Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

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Ministers:

*You, All Members of G.A.*

Pastor:

**Jaime Decker**

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Prelude Music

Welcome/Announcements

**Gathering**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

*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 God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

ELW #521 vs. 1&2

**\*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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Word**

**Psalm**

**(Please Read Responsively)**

**Psalm 78:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,  
<sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

<sup>26</sup>**The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,**

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

R: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

P: The Reading according to\_\_\_\_\_

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

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

P: The Reading of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.****Message****Hymn of the Day***O Day of Rest and Gladness**ELW #521 vs. 3&4***\*The Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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; 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. 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. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession**Response: **Receive our Prayer.****Sharing the Peace****Offering**Offering Song      Give Thanks      Gray #170

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us! (Repeat)

Give thanks.

**\* Offering Prayer**

**C: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

\*Lord's Prayer

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**Sending**

\*Benediction

**\*Sending Hymn**

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

ELW #536

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**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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**521. O Day of Rest and Gladness**

1 O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright: on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.

2 On you, at earth's creation, the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n; and thus on you, most glorious, a three-fold light was giv'n.

3 Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls; to holy convocations the silver trumpet calls, where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams and living water flowing with soul-refreshing streams.

4 New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest. We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son; the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

## 536. God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

**Refrain:** Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till  
we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;  
holy wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]