Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church

E.L.C.A.



Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 25th, 2026

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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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✢ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* *ELW #504*

***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**

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

First Reading **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took
them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was
their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after
those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be
their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other,

"Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm (Please Read Responsively) Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
3 though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
6 **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
8 **Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
9 behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
10 **"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**
11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. R: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. 21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. 27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.
R: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading John 8:31-36

P: The Gospel according to_____ **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a

slave to sin. [35] The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. [36] So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."
P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Hymn of the Day *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (sing twice)* ELW #512

***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 the People
Response: **Your Mercy Is Great.**

Sharing The Peace

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Because you give…
we worship, fellowship, learn, serve and grow.
Thank you for your generosity!

Offering Song *Give Thanks* **Gray #170**

*** Offering Prayer**
C: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

Meal

Holy Communion *Words of Institution Pg. 207

***Lord's Prayer** Pg. 208
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.

***Invitation to Communion**
P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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

***Post Communion Blessing**

*** Post Communion Prayer**

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **C: Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

L: May God give you Grace never to sell yourself short. Grace to risk something big for something good. And grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. The blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you this day and always. **C: Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* ELW #631

***Dismissal**

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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 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.

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