

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



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Theme: The Spirit Interrupts What We Know
Sunday, July 28th, 2024

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Ministers:

You, All Members of G.A.

Pastor:

Jaime Decker

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Prelude Music

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering

Call to Worship

L: We gather in the name of the Creator,

C: inviting us always to risk the unknown.

L: We gather in the name of the Christ,

C: fully human, fully divine, full of gift and mystery.

L: We gather in the name of the Spirit,

C: unveiling for us what feels long-hidden. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,

C: For this water, crisp and cold, inviting us to shake off the cobwebs of all we had thought to be true.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for gift of baptism,

C: For this water, warm and inviting, reminding us of your comfort and embrace.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,

C: For lakes and rivers, oceans and creeks,

L: For waters that foam and rage, for those that drip and trickle,

C: For waters that teem with life.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,

C: For waters that hide dangers yet unknown,

L: For waters that remind us to be born anew,

C: For all the waters across your wide creation.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism!

C: Alleluia! Amen

***Gathering Hymn**

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

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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, we long to be told that we are loved and that we belong. Yet, every day we speak utterances of untruths to others and ourselves, filled with judgment and hurt instead of speaking truths overflowing with your love and compassion. Send your Spirit to interrupt our hearts and minds so that we are empowered to speak up for justice, and bring peace, belonging, and love here on earth. Amen.

Word

Reading

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of

them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Message

Hymn of the Day

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

ELW #592 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 & Make-A-Change

*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: God of every good thing, you provide for us in every season of our lives. Help us to open our hands, open our lives, to your whole creation, that we might prioritize justice over wealth, truth over reputation, people over profits. Amen.

Meal

Holy Communion

*Words of Institution

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*Lord's Prayer

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***Invitation to Communion**

P: This table is set for you, you who are seeking and you who rest in the illusion that you have all the answers, you who speak up in the face of injustice and you who struggle to find your voice, you who understand that we are both/and, sinner/saint, from beginning to end. Come. Share in God’s meal of grace.

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

*Post Communion Blessing

*** Post Communion Prayer**

P: O God, you have fed us with a meal beyond our imaginations– a meal of grace, and delight, and freedom. Send us forth from your table now, bearing good news for the whole world. **C: Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

L: May God bless you with the curiosity to continue growing into your own self.
May God keep you steady in the face of all that is unknown.
May God’s face shine on you as you seek new answers to old questions being born anew.
C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Praise and Thanksgiving

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***Dismissal**

P: Go now in peace with open hearts and minds, seeking justice and truth in all things.
**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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592. Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

689. Praise and Thanksgiving

Verse 1: Praise and thanksgiving God we would offer
For all things living
You have made good, Harvest of sown fields
Fruits of the orchard, Hay from
the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

Verse 2: God bless the labor We bring to serve You,
That with our neighbor
We may be fed. Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting
milling For daily bread.

Verse 3: Father providing Food for Your children,
Your wisdom guiding
Teaches us share One with another,
So that rejoicing with us all others may
know your care.

Verse 4: Then will Your blessing Reach every people,
freely confessing
Your gracious hand. When You are reigning,
No one will hunger; Your love
sustaining showers the land.