

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



M is for Mary Magdalene

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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**

Lead On, O King Eternal!

ELW #805 vs.1

***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 confess that our understanding of You can be clouded by our own expectations and limitations. Sometimes we, too, stand at the edge of the tomb, mourning what we think we have lost, unable to recognize Your presence and the new life You offer. Empower us with Your Spirit to share the hope and joy that comes from encountering You, just as Mary did. Strengthen our faith and guide us to bear witness to Your grace and truth in a world that needs Your love. Amen.

Word

Reading

John 20:11-13

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

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

Message

Hymn of the Day

Lead On, O King Eternal!

ELW #805 vs. 2&3

*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: 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**

This Little Light of Mine

ELW #677

***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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805. Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

677. This Little Light of Mine

1 This little light of mine, I'm gonn'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goina'a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.