

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



L is for Laodicea: Revelation is the scariest book of the Bible for many in our communities. But it contains intimate correspondence to real churches and a vision for God's promise that sustains all of creation. Apocalypse literally means unveiling. How can the apocalyptic verses at the end of scripture wake us up to the pressing concerns that are crying around us?

Theme: God at the End of the World
Sunday, June 16th, 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**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW #742 vs. 1-3

***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, your promise to sustain all of creation sparkles like sunlight on clear river water. Give us courage to look always toward your unveiling, that we might participate alongside you in works of justice for the whole world. Amen.

Word

Reading

Revelation 3:15-16

¹⁵ "I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

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

Message

***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 and 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

Jesus, Stil Lead On

ELW #624 vs.3&4

*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,

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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742. What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Verse 1: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear --
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Verse 2: Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged --take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -- take it to the Lord in prayer.

Verse 3: Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge -- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

624. Jesus, Still Lead On

Verse 1: Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand to the promised land.

Verse 2: If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe to our home we go.

Verse 3: When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring
make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

Verse 4: Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand in the promised land.