

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



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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**

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

ELW #656 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, open our eyes to those who may be pushed aside or overlooked—especially the youth and those in fragile situations. Let us not be so absorbed in our own concerns that we fail to notice those who need our support and love. In all we do, let Your presence be the focus, and may our actions mirror the compassion and selflessness You demonstrated in Your ministry. Amen.

Word

Reading

Acts 20:7-12

On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. ⁸ There were many

lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. ⁹ A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down and bending over him took him in his arms and said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." ¹¹ Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. ¹² Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted.

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

Message

Hymn of the Day

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

ELW #656 vs 3-4

Baptism:

Jace Odegard

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Prayers of Intercession

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

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

What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine

ELW #774

*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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656. Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

774. What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
[Refrain]

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
[Refrain]