

Vasa Lutheran Church

Ethiopian Eunuch Baptized

Pastor Maureen Hagen, officiating

Accompanist: Nick Kees

Sunday, May 11, 2025

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of † the One
who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

**we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.**

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

**We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.**

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

**We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.**

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

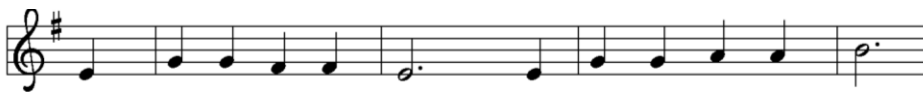
Amen.

GREETING

L: 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.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Fulfillment of the prophecies, **With Scripture and water you claim people as your own. Claim us with water and the word, so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 8:26-39

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN **WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS** **ELW 445**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA** **ELW 592**

PROFESSION OF FAITH, using the words of the Apostles' 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 CONGREGATION

Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share God's peace with one another.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

SENDING HYMN:

SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

ELW 655

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always. **Amen.**



Jay Mikaelson, Scott Sorenson, Anne Rathman, Lorrie Samuelson, Dale Anderson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Carolyn Lindstrom, Merle Pearson, Yvonne Belin, Terri Fredin, and Terri Mandelkow.

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! In Christ you are made new. \

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Parish Pulse:
April 30 & May 4
Participating in Worship: 70
+ 14 Live Streams
Total Offerings:
May 4: \$9,870.00

MUSIC FOR MAY 11, 2025
ALL ARE WELCOME
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY
USHER: Marv Fredrickson
READER: Sasha Diercks
HOSPITALITY: Sue Ness

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT WEEK
(May 18)
USHER: volunteer needed
READER: Mo Hauck
HOSPITALITY: Mo Hauck
COMMUNION ASST.: Katie Featherstone

VASA FAMILY NIGHT

"Grow in Faith"

Join us for the last family night
before summer.

Cook Out
Fun Activities
Short Devotion

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

5:30-7PM

VASA LUTHERAN CENTER



DONATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION. Any linens, bedding, clothing, shoes, belts, purses, and towels (all clean, please!) can be bagged and delivered to the Lutheran Center until June 9th. Please put all donations in Classroom #3.

CVSC ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Cannon Valley Senior Center



**Talented CVSC Members arts
& crafts exhibits
Cannon Valley Senior Center**

**May 5 – May 30.
9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Stop by the Senior Center and spend time enjoying the many
arts & crafts produced by members of the Cannon Valley
Senior Center. This is our Spring exposition. *(Items on
display will not be for sale.)***



**We, The Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in faith
Serving others, and
Welcoming and loving all!**