

Vasa Lutheran Church

Following Jesus

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Nick Kees

Sunday, November 10, 2024

ANNOUNCING THE DAY:

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

HYMN

LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING

ELW 631

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



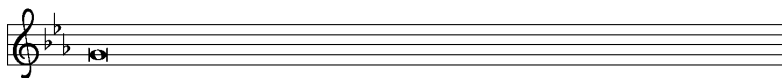
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



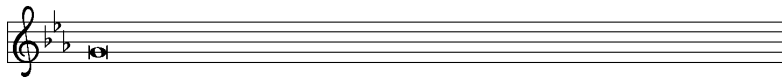
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, **look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; the one who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 12: 38-42 As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39 and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! 40 They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Matthew 27:16-26 At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. 17 So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" 18 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. 19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." 20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. 21 The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." 22 Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" 23 Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" 24 So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." 25 Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" 26 So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

ELW 588

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING ELW 678

CONFESSION 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. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

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:

ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN

ELW 550

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: God all mighty,

God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.



Paul Mikaelson, Jay Mikaelson, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Anne Rathman, Dale Anderson, Lorrie Samuelson, Rosann Pearson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Arleen Stahnke, Connie Gillis, Jim Hedeem, Carolyn Lindstrom, Merle Pearson, Amber Nelson, Yvonne Belin and Sarah Jacobson Parker.

Parish Pulse:

November 3

Participating in Worship: 53 +/-

+ 15 Live Stream

Total Offerings:

\$18,046.00

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Marv Fredrickson

Reader: Sasha Diercks

Hospitality: Sue Ness

Worship Assistants

next week: 11/17

Usher: Duane Hanson

Reader: volunteer needed

Hospitality: Lora Gruber

Comm. Asst: Eleanor Diercks

MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2024

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

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GOD WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

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Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915-2006 Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Music: John Darwall, 1731-1789

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The Children's Christmas program rehearsals begin today during Sunday School. Future rehearsals are Nov. 17, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 at the same time. The program is on December 17 at 10AM at the Lutheran Center. Children should be there for a final run through at 9:00AM. A lunch of ham and scalloped potatoes will follow the program. Sides and desserts are needed, so **if your last name begins A-M, please bring a side dish. N-Z, please bring desserts.**



Vasa Lutheran Center Blood Drive

15235 Norelius Rd
Welch, MN 55089

Thursday, November 21, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, November 22, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: vasa lutheran to schedule an appointment.



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**Volunteers
Needed!**

We are in need of a few volunteers to help get people checked in for the blood drive on Thursday. The drive runs from 1:00-7:00, so there could be 2 shifts (3 hours each) or 3 shifts (2 hours each). Please call or email Emily in the office if you are interested. Thank You!

Vasa Family Night

Thankfulness

Wednesday, November 13th
5:30-7:00pm
Vasa Lutheran Center

Sloppy Joes
Moonlight Adventure
Short Devotional

All Are Welcomed



Congregational Meeting



There is a special congregational meeting immediately following worship today. The purpose of the meeting is to authorize expenditures for painting the sanctuary and replacing the flooring in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend. A quorum of 40 is needed to approve this request.



After the Congregational meeting, please join us for a brief ceremony in which we will honor our Veterans with the changing of the flag in front of the Church.