

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

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Sunday, March 5, 2023

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Psalm 16:5-11

L: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

C: you hold my lot.

L: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

C: I have a goodly heritage.

L: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

C: in the night also my heart instructs me.

L: I keep the LORD always before me;

**C: because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved.**

L: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**C: For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

L: You show me the path of life.

**C: In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:
 God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
 so that all may receive life.
 This promise is for you!
 God embraces you with divine mercy,
 † forgives you in Christ's name,
 and revives you in the Spirit's power.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

ELW 522

GREETING: 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

Kyrie



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	<i>Lord, have mer - cy.</i>	<i>Lord, have mer - cy.</i>
2	<i>Christ, have mer - cy.</i>	<i>Christ, have mer - cy.</i>



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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Generous God, **you have promised to open your kingdom to all people, despite their circumstances. Bring us close to you, and help us to proclaim the goodness of your generosity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to you, Oh Lord.

HYMN RESPONSE

RESTORE IN US, O GOD

ELW 328

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

ELW 838

CONFESSION OF FAITH

**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

After each petition the pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy,"
Please respond with, "**hear our prayer.**"

GENEROSITY MOMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

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.

DISTRIBUTION *We will receive communion by kneeling at the railing. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children will receive a blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

ELW 332

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Anderson, Irene Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul Mikaelson, Sara Jacobson Parker, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Connie Gillis, Einar Norman, and Ellie Gardiner.

PARISH PULSE:

February 26 & March 1
Participating in Worship: 92
+ 7 live-streams
Total Offerings: \$5,216.59

**IF YOU SIGNED UP TO
DONATE FOOD FOR THE
COMMUNITY DINNER...please
have your donated items to
the Lutheran Center by
Monday at 4pm—EXCEPT for
CAKES! Those can be
delivered until 10:00AM on
Tuesday. If neither of these
times are convenient for you,
make arrangements with Sue
Hedeem: 651-380-6270.**

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Bruce Tilderquist
Reader: Kathy Tilderquist
Hospitality: Lora Gruber
Comm. Asst: Katie Featherstone

**Worship Assistants Next Week
(03/12)**

Usher: Kevin Eckblad
Reader: Katie Featherstone
Hospitality: Kent Volz



First Communion Classes begin this
Wednesday, March 8th at 5:45 at the
Lutheran Center, Classroom 3!

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

As We Gather At Your Table

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Restore in Us, O God

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Beautiful Savior

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904
Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889
Music: Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

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SANCTUARY TASK FORCE: The task force for updating and renovating the church sanctuary has formed. Eight people have volunteered: John Hauck, Bruce Tilderquist, Faye Drewianka, Greg Drewianka, Randy Lindholm, Sasha Diercks, Jim Hedeem and Steve Hyllengren.

Eight is a big number for a task force, but the questions are big and will require effort and dedication on the part of the members.

The task force will divide into two smaller groups. One group will focus on windows and the front steps. The other will focus on asbestos abatement, flooring, and paint. Each will gather information and further estimates. They will report to the church council and ultimately to the congregation. Their work will take some time, so be patient.

Food Shelf



FOOD SHELF: At the end of March the stipend for food support due to the pandemic will end.

In light of this local food shelves anticipate a dramatic increase in visits. We can help by donating food and/or gifts of money. Please consider making a gift either directly to the Cannon Falls or Red Wing Food Shelves, or to the church. Make your check payable to Vasa and please write *Food Shelf* in the memo line. All gifts of money given during the month of March will be matched.



Good Earth Village: Good Earth Village, the Bible camp supported by the SE MN synod of the ELCA is now accepting registrations for summer camp. Go to their webpage for more information about programs.
<http://goodearthvillage.org/>



Next Saturday night! Daylight Savings begins on March 12!



We, the Vasa Congregation,

Called by God, commit to:

Worshipping together,

Growing in Faith,

Serving Others, and

Welcoming and loving all!