

Vasa Lutheran Church

God is With Us: even in our Failures

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, October 23, 2022

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN

OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

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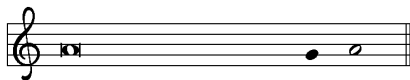
We will sing verses 1-3.

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 a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



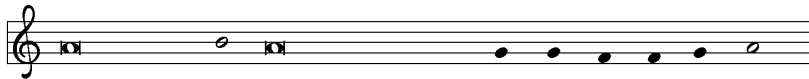
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of forgiveness, **you showed your servant David the error of his ways, and forgave him for his sins. Forgive us, and help us to see how we might live differently to honor you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 51:1-9

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

C: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

L: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,

C: so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

L: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

C: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

C: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

L: Let me hear joy and gladness;

let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

C: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Selected readings from 2 Samuel

2 Samuel 11:1-5 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. 2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. 3 David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." 4 So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. 5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

2 Samuel 11:26-27 When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. 27 When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

2 Samuel 12:1-9 But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds; 3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. 4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was

loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." 5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; 6 he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." 7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; 8 I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. 9 Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

ELW 186

SERMON

Sins of Commission: these are the sins we actually do; the sins we commit.

Sins of Omission: these are sins where we do not act when we should.

Matthew 22:36-40 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

HYMN OF THE DAY

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

ELW 759

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: 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.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

SENDING HYMN: THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

ELW 588

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
C: Thanks be to God.



**Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Jessie Otto, Paul
Mikaelsen, and Bob Crouse.**

Parish Pulse:

October 16, 2022 (no WEW)

Participating in Worship: 50

+ 7 concurrent live-streams

Total Offerings: \$10,900.00.00

Worship Assistants Today

Usher: Randy Klein

Reader: *Volunteer Needed*

Hospitality: Duane Thompson

Worship Assistants Next Week (10/30)

Usher: Barry Skog

Reader: Katie Featherstone

Hospitality: Audrey Rosener

Upcoming Events...

- ❖ Tuesday, October 25 9:00am
 - Coffee & Conversation
- ❖ Wednesday Oct 26, NOON
 - Swedish Pancake Breakfast Reservations Due
- ❖ Saturday, Oct 29 9:00am-11:am
 - Pick Up Swedish Pancake Breakfasts
- ❖ Wednesday Nov 2, NOON
 - Community Dinner Reservation Deadline
- ❖ Saturday Nov 5 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Vasa Winter Bazaar
- ❖ Sunday, November 6
 - All Saints Worship and proper Bible burialP

Music for Sunday, October 23, 2022

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878,

alt. Music: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

Create in Me A Clean Heart

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: North American, 19th cent.

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New Photo Directory for Vasa Lutheran!

As you may have noticed, Vasa is in the process of creating a new photo directory. Mark Hagen is our photographer and he will be taking photos every Sunday morning before and after worship through December 11. Please sign up for a photo time!

If you prefer to email your own photo, be sure it is in JPEG format. Email it to:

office@vasalutheran.org.



There will be a Feed My Starving Children mobile pack at Cannon Falls High School on Saturday, Nov 12 and volunteers to pack food are needed. There are 2 shifts for packing: 8-10 and 10:45-12:45, and 1 shift for clean-up

from 12:15-3. Volunteers must be signed up by Monday, October 24th. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space, indicating which shift you would like. If you want to help but can't sign up today, you can call Kathy Tilderquist (507-263-2190) tomorrow and she can enter you into the list of volunteers.

VASA BAZAAR
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH
9 AM - 3 PM

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Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others, and
Welcoming and Loving All.*

