

Vasa Lutheran Church

Do not doubt but believe!

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Nick Kees

Sunday, April 12, 2026

OPENING WORDS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us waters like Belle Creek, the Cannon
River and the Mississippi River.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

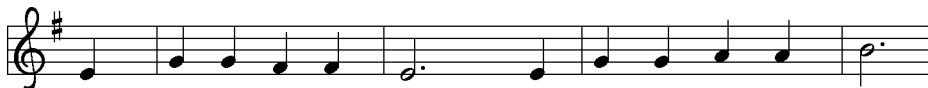
GATHERING HYMN

A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING!

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GREETING: Grace to you and peace from our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
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: God of resurrection, **your Son Jesus, awed his followers by appearing among them. With awe we also celebrate his resurrection and rejoice in eternal life. Amen.**

Psalm 145:13-21

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

C: and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

L: The LORD is faithful in all his words,

C: and gracious in all his deeds.

L: The LORD upholds all who are falling,

C: and raises up all who are bowed down.

L: The eyes of all look to you,

C: and you give them their food in due season.

L: You open your hand,

C: satisfying the desire of every living thing.

L: The LORD is just in all his ways,

C: and kind in all his doings.

L: The LORD is near to all who call on him,

C: to all who call on him in truth.

L: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;

C: he also hears their cry, and saves them.

L: The LORD watches over all who love him,

C: but all the wicked he will destroy.

L: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

C: and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed

**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

WE WALK BY FAITH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Parish Pulse:
April 5
Participating in Worship: 150
+ 50 Live Streams
Total Offerings:
April 5
\$2,879.5

Worship Assistants Today

April 12

Usher: Duane Hanson

Lector: Bryan Diercks

Hospitality: Marilyn Hanson

Worship Assistants Next Week

April 19

Usher: *Volunteer Needed*

Lector: Katie Lindahl

Hospitality: B-J Norman

Communion Asst.: B-J Norman



Wendy Anderson, Jay
Mikaelsen, Scott
Sorenson, Lorrie
Samuelson, Lynda
Rosener Sack, Terri
Fredin, Terri
Mandelkow, Connor
Michalicek (Rosann
Pearson's grandson),
Eileen Anderson, Jake
Jacobson

2026

ANNUAL VASA AND WELCH AREA SPRING RUMMAGE (& BAKE) SALE

Donation Drop-off

Saturday, April 18th 8-Noon
(no furniture drop off on Sat.)
Sunday, April 19th 10-2
Monday, April 20th Noon-7
Tuesday, April 21st Noon-7

Bake Sale Items ONLY

Wednesday, April 22nd Noon-6

Vasa Church only open:

Thursday, April 23, 9 am-6 pm
Friday, April 24, 9 am-3 pm

Other sales may be open:

Saturday, April 25, 8am-Noon



BAKE SALE

All types of baked items are welcome: Pies. Cakes. Coffee Cakes. Rolls. Bars. Cookies. Breads. Buns.

**DROP OFF on Wednesday
April 23rd ONLY by 6 pm!**

Sales to be held at Vasa Lutheran Center on HWY 19 and at various homes along County Rd 7 for over 8 miles! Lunch served Thurs/Fri at Vasa Lutheran Church.

Vasa is also running a fund-raiser through the Epilepsy Foundation. They will pay us according to the amount of donations we have. clothing, linens, shoes, purses, belts and bedding will be accepted through June 8th at the Lutheran Center.

Items Needed:

- Gently used clothing, sorted by gender and size.
- Books/Toys
- Small furniture items and tools
- Baby clothing and other baby items.
- Kinck-Knacks, linens, jewelry
- Small appliances
- Seasonal Holiday items
- Home decorations

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Faye Drewianka at 651-212-3209 or Dawn Lindstrom at 651-764-3112

PLEASE—NO Exercise Equipment, mattresses, TVs or large electronics

American Red Cross



Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Help save lives.

Give blood.

Vasa Lutheran Center Blood Drive

15235 Norelius Rd
Welch, MN 55089

Wednesday, April 15, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 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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Registration is open for summer programs at Good Earth Village. To find out more about the many options for children and youth visit:
goodearthvillage.org/summer-programs

An experience at Bible Camp is transformative in the faith life of your child. Vasa Congregation typically provides financial support to member families who send their kids to camp. Contact the office for more details.

MUSIC FOR APRIL 12, 2026

A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING

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