

Vasa Lutheran Church

Nicodemus

Intergenerational Worship

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, January 16 2022

ANNOUNCIING THE DAY Psalm 139:13-18

L: For it was you who formed my inward parts;

C: you knit me together in my mother's womb.

L: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

C: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

L: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,

C: intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

L: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

C: In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

L: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

C: I try to count them-- they are more than the sand;

I come to the end-- I am still with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

the fountain of living water,

the rock who gave us birth,

our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

BORNING CRY

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GREETING

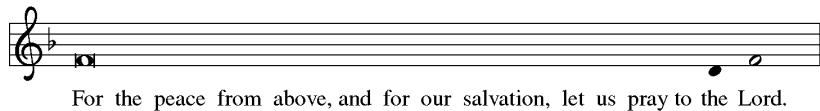
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: and also with you.

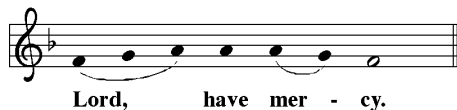
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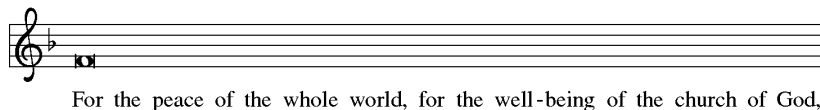
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



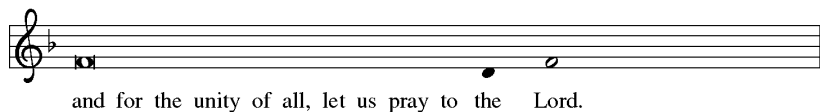
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



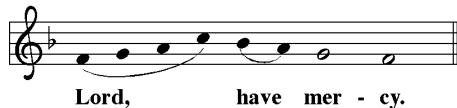
Lord, have mer - cy.



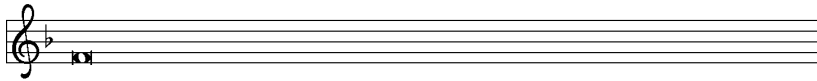
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



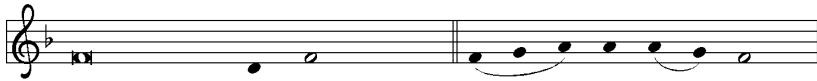
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



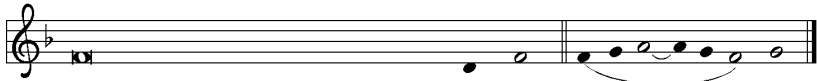
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, 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: Birthing God, **you gave us new life when we were born of water and Spirit. Help us live into that new life, refreshed and renewed for your work. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-21 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." 3 Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not

perish but may have eternal life. 17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SONG AND MESSAGE

"I was baptized, happy day!
All my sins were washed away.
God looked down on me and smiled.
I became his own dear child."

SERMON

HYMN:

GOD LOVED THE WORLD

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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.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT:

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: *Communion will be by intinction.
Pre-packaged portions are available if you prefer to remain in your seat.*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION: *Communion will be by intinction. Pre-packaged portions are available if you prefer to remain in your seat.*

BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ be with you now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER Most High God, **you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

SHINE JESUS SHINE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C: Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Paul
Mikaelsen, and Jay Mikaelsen.

Parish Pulse:

January 9, 2022

Participating in Worship: 41
+ 17 concurrent live-streams
+ 8 WEW January 12, 2022
Total Offerings: \$3,695.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Intergenerational Volunteers

Assisting Next Week:

Usher: Kevin Eckblad

Reader: Jeannette Anderson



The poinsettias will be disappearing next week. If you paid for one please take it home with you. We have plastic bags for carrying them.

*****OFFERING ENVELOPES** Offering Envelopes have been ordered, but apparently there is a supply chain problem and we aren't exactly sure when they will arrive.



Just a reminder that all Check books must be turned in TODAY! Annual Reports (from Teams) are due in the office by January 27th.



American Red Cross

Appointments are still available for the Vasa Blood Drive on January 20th and 21st. The need is greater than ever. To schedule, please call 1-800 733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org



Volunteers Needed for Vasa Teams:

Vasa is in need of a "few good volunteers!" Specific needs include two people for the Property team, two people for the Parish Life team, one person for the Finance team, and one person for the Endowment team. Serving on these teams includes a responsibility to serve on the church council. Contact Barbara Weigman at barbara.weigman@gmail.com or 507-202-7880 for more details.



The Museum Board will meet Monday, February 7th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room of the Lutheran Center.

We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others,
Welcoming and Loving All.



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