

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Jesus and Pilate*

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Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, March 27, 2022**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY** Psalm 145:10-13

L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

**C: and all your faithful shall bless you.**

L: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,

**C: to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**C: The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**C: Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

L: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.

In ✠ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **C: Amen.**

*We will sing verses 1, and 3-5.*

**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****KYRIE****ELW 151**

- 1 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
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- 2 Christe eleison. Christe eleison.  
Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
- 3 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of truth, **Too often we bend truth to fit our needs. Show us how to recognize and follow your truth, shown to us by the love and life of your son, Jesus. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: John 18:28-40**

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. 29 So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" 30 They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." 31 Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." 32 (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) 33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." 38 Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. 39 But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 40 They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS**

**ELW 335**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

**JESUS, STILL LEAD ON**

**ELW 624**

**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**

L. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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:**

**JESUS SHALL REIGN**

**ELW 434**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## BLESSING

You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
✠ bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

Jesus meets you on the way.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelson, Jay Mikaelson, and Dan Hedeon and The Family of Linda Thompson. .

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### *Assisting Today:*

***Usher:*** Jason Stahnke

***Reader:*** Katie Lindahl

Parish Pulse:

**March 20, 2022**

Participating in Worship:

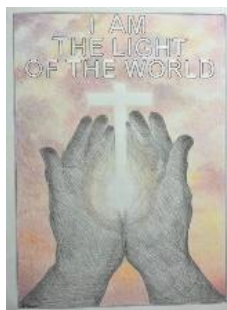
+ 9 concurrent live-streams

+ 19 Wednesday Lenten Worship (March 23)

+ 6 Faith Formation (March 23)

+ 7 concurrent live-streams

Total Sunday Offerings: \$8,290.00



**Lenten Worship:** Our Lenten worship theme this year is the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. Each week we will explore these sayings of Jesus from the gospel of John and consider what meaning they have for our lives. Worship will be at 7:00 in the sanctuary and will include singing Holden Evening Prayer.

### Free Community Dinner



The Next Community Dinner is on April 13. On the menu is Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, fruit salad, a roll and dessert. Meal reservations are due in the office by noon on April 6. Call or email 651-258-4327 / [office@vasalutheran.org](mailto:office@vasalutheran.org).

### Food Shelf



The 2022 March Food Shelf Campaign began on February 28th and will continue until April 10th. Vasa Congregation is participating! All offerings that are received in the purple Lenten envelopes as well as loose change will be matched by the Parish Life team up to \$300. Money will be sent on to the Minnesota Food Share program for the benefit of the Red Wing and Cannon Falls food shelves.

Another way to support the food shelves is to consider donating the following **most-needed food items**: hearty soups (Progresso, Campbell's Chunky), saltine crackers, hamburger helper, canned chicken, and fruit juice (in plastic containers).



**Kids to Bible Camp:** It's time to register your children for Bible Camp! Good Earth Village Bible Camp is located 5 miles east of Spring Valley, MN and will be hosting in person sleep over camps this summer for the first time since the Covid shut-down. The Sunday School children will receive brochures with

program offerings on March 27. There are a number of camp experiences available including a fishing camp and an art intensive as well as family camp and grandparents camp. **Subsidies are available!** Vasa Lutheran will pay for 75% of your camp cost. Contact Kathy Tilderquist for specific information. For more information about camp programs go to <http://goodearthvillage.org/summer>.



Just a reminder that Easter Flower orders are being accepted through March 31, 2022. Please complete a yellow flower order form and return it to the Vasa Church office, with a check for the proper amount. Flowers will be available to take with you after church on Easter Sunday.



## **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: Eastern Europe Crisis Response**

On February 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians are fleeing the violence and seeking refuge in neighboring countries such as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. For more information, go to [ELCA.org/disaster](https://elca.org/disaster) Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.

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FOR  
peace  
IN THE  
world



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

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