

## Vasa Lutheran Church

*"I can do all things through..."*

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Accompanist: Anne Anderson

June 4, 2023

**ANNOUNCING THE DAY:** Today's Bumper Sticker is: "I can do all things...." The folly of this sticker is that the Bible says lots of things. Proof texting Scripture has led many people to not believe any of it. Our faith invites us to explore the sacred story of Scripture. As Lutherans, we read the Bible by interpreting scripture with scripture.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have hurt our community.**  
**We have squandered your blessings.**  
**We have hoarded your bounty.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have failed to be honest.**  
**We have lacked the courage to speak.**  
**We have spoken falsely.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy:  
you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of † Jesus Christ.

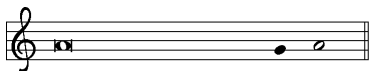
**Amen.**

**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.**

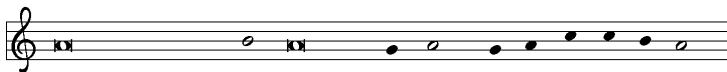
**KYRIE**



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.



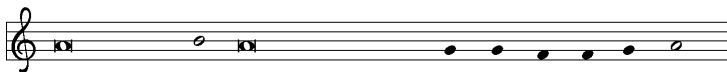
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Lord Christ, **you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things; that we have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. In the security of your embrace we pray. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Philippians 4:1-13** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. 10 I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. 11 Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. 12 I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL ELW 512**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION ELW 796**

**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**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

L: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

L: The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.

**C: We praise you, O God.**

L: Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.

**C: We bless you, O God.**

L: We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

**C: We thank you, O God.**

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.

L: Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

L: We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**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**

*We will receive communion by kneeling at the railing. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You don't need to be a member of Vasa, nor do you need to be a Lutheran to receive the body and blood of Christ today. Gluten free portions and non-alcoholic wine are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children are welcome to come forward and will receive a blessing.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** We thank you, generous God, **for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REJOICE YE PURE IN HEART (v. 1-4, 6)**

**ELW 873**

**BLESSING**

L: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed  
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PARISH PULSE:**

**May 28<sup>th</sup> & #31st 2023**

Participating in Worship: **58**

+6 live-streams

Total Offerings: \$2,180.00

The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, and by the east door. They were moved there when we resumed in-person worship after the pandemic. They are there to receive your offering as you enter the sanctuary. Electronic giving is also available.



**Eileen Anderson, Irene Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul Mikaelson, Sara Jacobson Parker, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Agi TriFontaine, Nancy Trelstad, Jake Jacobson, Dale Anderson, Ivan Nelson, and Duane Thompson.**

**Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** Bruce Tilderquist

**Reader:** Kathy Tilderquist

**Hospitality:** Mo Hauck

**Comm/ Asst.:** *volunteer needed*

**Worship Assistants Next Week (06/11/2023)**

**Usher:** Duane Hanson

**Reader:** Geri Lindholm

**Hospitality:** Lora Gruber

*The Peace of the Lord be always with you..*

On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, we took a congregational poll about reinstating the Passing of the Peace during worship. Of the 35 votes cast, 19 voted yes, and 16 voted no. As a result, we will resume Passing the Peace on non-communion Sundays, beginning June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

### Beautiful Savior

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

### Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

Text and music © 1985 Prince of Peace Publishing, Changing Church, Inc; Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950 Music: Handt Hanson

### How Firm a Foundation

Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.

Music: Early American.

### Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891, alt.

Music: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834-1916

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The Vasa Museum recently received a gift of the Swedish Flag that flew at the Swedish Consulate in the Twin Cities. It was a gift from Amy Richcreek Baxter, a Swedish Institute Board member, who also grew up in Vasa on the site of the Old Children's home.



A new Bible Study opportunity for women of all ages and stages will begin on Wednesday, June 7. It will be from 9:30-11:00 and the first meeting will be held at Faye Drewianka's home (30722 Hwy 19 Blvd Red Wing.) We will determine location and regularity of the meetings at that first meeting. Questions? Contact Mo Hauck at [mhauck07@gmail.com](mailto:mhauck07@gmail.com) or call 651-331-8593. Hope to see you there!