

Vasa Lutheran Church

Peter's Vision!

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Nick Kees

Sunday, April 23, 2023

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Matthew 9:35-38

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

GATHERING HYMN

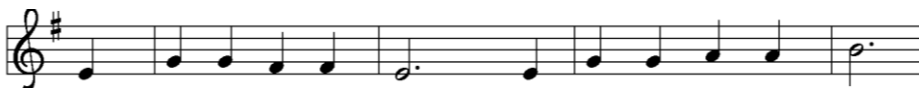
GOD IS HERE!

ELW 526

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



- 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 all nations, **you made it clear that all people are invited to partake of the glory of your salvation. Help us to invite all people to your goodness, so that no one might be forgotten in your saving grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Selected verses from Acts 10 In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. 2 He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. 3 One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." 4 He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. 5 Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; 6 he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." 7 When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, 8 and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

BAPTISM OF Maddisyn Michele Safe

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your daughter Maddisyn baptized into Christ? If so say, "I do."

Response: I do.

As you bring Maddisyn to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Maddisyn grow in the Christian faith and life?

Keith and Cassandra respond: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Maddisyn in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors respond: I do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Maddisyn and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: 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, and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

BAPTISM

Maddisyn Michele Safe is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Maddisyn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Maddisyn Michele Safe, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

HYMN

WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

ELW 445

We will sing verse 3.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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

We will receive communion by intinction. 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.

COMMUNION BLESSING: The body and blood of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ strengthen you and give you peace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Gracious God, **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: SAVIOR, AGAIN TO YOUR DEAR NAME ELW 534

GENEROSITY MOMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One!
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Eileen Anderson, Irene
Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul
Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker, Scott
Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Agi
TriFontaine, Nancy Trelstad, Jake
Jacobson, Brad Volz and Dale Anderson.

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

God is Here!

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In Christ There is No East or West

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.
Music: African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

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Arr. © 1985 Augsburg Fortress

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.
Music: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818-1901; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900

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Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Randy Klein
Reader: Sid Featherstone
Hospitality: Mo Hauck
Comm/ Asst.: Mike Bauch

Worship Assistants Next Week (04/30/23)

Usher: Bruce Tilderquist
Reader: Kathy Tilderquist
Hospitality: Marilyn Hanson
Comm. Asst:

PARISH PULSE:

April 16, 2023

Participating in Worship: **36**

+28 live-streams

Total Offerings: \$5,935.00



The May 2023 Community dinner is on May 10. This will be the last one of the year and the menu will be Pulled Pork Sandwiches, potato chips, baked beans, and a brownie. Don't forget your Food Shelf donations! **Meal reservation deadline is Wednesday, May 3 at NOON!!**



American Red Cross

Blood drive at Vasa

- Thursday, 4/27 from 1-7
- Friday, 4/28 from 9-2
- The Red Cross will be collecting "double-reds" at this drive if you are interested
- Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org, under Donate Blood. Zip code of drive is 55089.



Good Earth Village has been listed in Newsweek's top 500 camps in the United States. According to the Newsweek article, they screened 12,000 different camps throughout the United States and Good Earth Village made the cut! It's not too late to register your child(ren) to attend. Vasa Congregation believes strongly in supporting families that want to send their children to camp and as such will cover 75% of your cost. For more information about summer camp programs go to goodearthvillage.org.