

Vasa Lutheran Church

"God is my Co-pilot"

Midsommar Worship

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Nick Kees

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Today's Bumper Sticker is: "God is my co-pilot." The folly is that it encourages us to believe that we are in charge and God is along for the ride. Jesus reminds Peter and the rest of his disciples that he himself will endure suffering, betrayal, and death. God is in charge, we are not.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Matthew 16:21-26 (The Message)

Then Jesus made it clear to his disciples that it was now necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, submit to an ordeal of suffering at the hands of the religious leaders, be killed, and then on the third day be raised up alive. Peter took him in hand, protesting, "Impossible, Master! That can never be!" But Jesus didn't swerve. "Peter, get out of my way. Satan, get lost. You have no idea how God works." Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN**WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS****ELW 666****SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY****OH MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH YOU****ELW 818**

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

**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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF GOD

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share this peace with the people around us.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

SENDING HYMN LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING ELW 545

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



**Eileen Anderson, Irene
Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul
Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker,
Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist,
Agi TriFontaine, Ivan Nelson,
Vivian Strusz, and the Family of
Duane Thompson.**

PARISH PULSE:
June 14th & 18th 2023
Participating in Worship: **51**
+12 live-streams
Total Offerings: \$1,100.50

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023
Praise and Thanks and Adoration

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What Wondrous Love Is This

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Text

O Master, Let Me Walk With You

Text: North American traditional

Music: North American traditional

Lord, Dismiss us With Your Blessing

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–
2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.

Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.

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It's Weed Whipping time again!

Anyone who is able and available to weed whip, please join the cemetery committee on Tuesday evening, June 27th, at 6:00pm! If you can't help in the evening, feel free to help earlier in the day, at your own convenience. Either way, all help is greatly appreciated!! Thanks!

Worship Assistants Today:

MIDSOMMAR VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants Next Week (07/02/2023)

Usher: Kevin Eckblad

Reader: Jeannette Anderson

Comm/ Asst.: B-J Norman

****A reminder that we will worship at the picnic shelter on July 2.**



Vasa's Remaining Ball Games

Thursday 6/29: St. Paul's 8:30

Thursday 7/13: Covenant 6:30

Thursday 7/20: Cross of Christ 7:30

Thursday 7/27: Covenant 7:30

The pictures taken by Ken Fournelle are now on the Vasa Lutheran website under the "About" tab. How do you get there?

1. Click on the "About" tab.
2. Scroll down until you see the picture of the front of the church.
3. Click on that picture
4. Use the arrows to see all the other pictures that Mr. Fournelle took.