

Vasa Lutheran Church

Jesus Condemned

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Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, April 3, 2022

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Psalm 146

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

L: Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**C: When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;**

L: who executes justice for the oppressed;

C: who gives food to the hungry.

L: The LORD sets the prisoners free;

C: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

L: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

C: the LORD loves the righteous.

L: The LORD watches over the strangers;

C: he upholds the orphan and the widow,

L: but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**C: The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the LORD!

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.

GATHERING HYMN WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS ELW 666

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

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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.
 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy God, **In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 19:1-16a

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. 2 And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. 3 They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. 4 Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." 5 So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" 6 When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." 8 Now when Pilate heard this, he

was more afraid than ever. 9 He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" 11 Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." 12 From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor." 13 When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" 15 They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." 16 Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

ELW 346

We will sing verses 1-3.

SERMON

HYMN

ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

ELW 337

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:

We will commune today by using individual pre-packaged portions.

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

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**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

We will commune today by using individual pre-packaged portions.

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 Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES ELW 379
We will sing verses 1, 2, and 4.

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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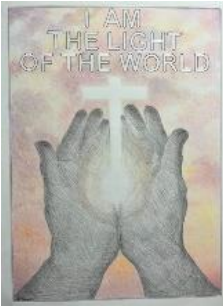
Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelson, Jay Mikaelson, and Dan Hedeem.

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Parish Pulse:
March 27, 2022
Participating in Worship: 55
+10 Sunday School
+ 16 concurrent live-streams
+ 20 Wednesday Lenten Worship (March 30)
+ 4 Faith Formation (March 30)
+ 8 concurrent live-streams (March 30)
Total Sunday Offerings: \$7,252.60

ATTN VASA Museum Board
Members:

The Vasa Museum Board will meet on Monday, April 4th, at 6:30pm, at the Vasa House.



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. Lenten Services go through April 13.

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.

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>.

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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 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.



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

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