

Vasa Lutheran Church

God Calls Isaiah and Affirmation of Faith

Pastor Maureen Hagen Accompanist – Anne Anderson

Sunday, November 17, 2024

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

LET THE WHOLE CREATION CRY

ELW 876

GREETING

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.**

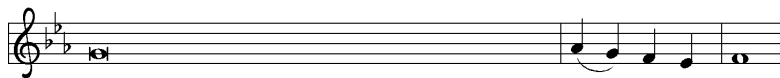
KYRIE:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



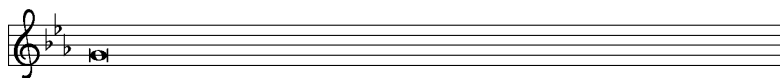
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



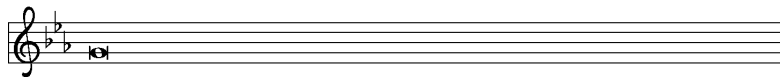
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: King of heaven and earth, **As you cleansed Isaiah with a coal of fire to prepare him for proclaiming your word to the world, prepare us so that we may know your bidding and carry out our callings with eagerness. Show the world greatness that cannot be contained any more than smoke or fire can be caught, in the name of the one who sacrificed everything to carry out your commands, Jesus Christ our sanctifier. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Isaiah 6:1-8 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." 4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown

HYMN

HERE I AM, LORD

ELW 574

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

BE THOU MY VISION

ELW 793

We will sing verses 1-2

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for

- Julia Fleming
- Max Fredin
- Connor Hyllengren
- Brenner Pagel
- Alivia Schaffer
- Nick Weigman

one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism on this day.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers and sisters in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, Enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: At your baptism, your parents and sponsors spoke for you and confessed that for a time, they would maintain faithfulness for you. On this day you are speaking for yourself. Therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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

Confirmands: I renounce them.

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

Confirmands: I renounce them.

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

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

AFFIRMATION

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these our siblings in Christ and pray for them in their life in Christ?

All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

At this time, the confirmands, their parents, baptismal sponsors, and family will gather around the communion rail. Confirmands may kneel and their family will gather behind and around them.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in *name* 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY:

BE THOU MY VISION

ELW 793

We will sing verses 3-4

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words, "Lord, in your mercy,"
Please respond with "**hear our prayer.**"

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

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 *We will receive communion by kneeling around the altar railing. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children are welcome to join you and will receive a blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Holy God, **you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: GO MY CHILDREN WITH MY BLESSING ELW 543

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION BLESSING AROUND THE FONT:

Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Remember that you are a child of God, and that God is always with you!

BLESSING

L: God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.



Paul Mikaelson, Jay Mikaelson,
Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist,
Anne Rathman, Dale Anderson,
Lorrie Samuelson, Rosann
Pearson, Lynda Rosener Sack,
Arleen Stahnke, Connie Gillis,
Jim Hedeem, Carolyn Lindstrom,
Merle Pearson, Amber Nelson,
Yvonne Belin, and Sarah
Jacobson Parker.



We rejoice with the six young people who affirmed their faith today:

Julia Fleming Baptized

06.20.2010

Daughter of Rebecca Fleming

Max Fredin Baptized 06.13.2010

Son of Ross and Theresa Fredin

Connor Hyllengren Baptized

06.27.2010

Son of Coty and Andrea Hyllengren

Brenner Pagel Baptized

01.17.2010

Son of Jason and Bonnie Pagel

Alivia Schaffer Baptized

03.21.2010

Daughter of Chris and Amy Schaffer

Nick Weigman Baptized

09.12.2010

Son of Chris and Barbara Weigman



The Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, and by the East Door. They are there to receive your offering as you enter for worship.

Parish Pulse:

November 6 & 10

Participating in Worship:

68

+ 10 Live Stream

Total Offerings:

\$1,683.00

We are still in need of a few volunteers to help get people

checked in for the blood drive on Thursday. The drive runs from 1:00-7:00, so there could be 2 shifts (3 hours each) or 3 shifts (2 hours each). Please call or email Emily in the office if you are interested. Thank You!

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Duane Hanson

Reader:

Hospitality: Lora Gruber

Comm. Asst: Eleanor Diercks

**Worship Assistants Next Week
(November 24)**

Usher: Rick Samuelson

Reader: Mo Hauck

Hospitality: Mo Hauck

**MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER
17, 2024**

LET THE WHOLE CREATION CRY

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916, alt.

Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750, adapt.

HERE I AM LORD

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BE THOU MY VISION

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Music: Irish traditional

GO MY CHILDREN

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Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919-2008, alt.

Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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Nov. 20 9:30-11am

Ages & Stages Bible Study

Nov. 21 1-7 PM

Vasa Blood Drive

Nov. 22 9:00-2pm

Vasa Blood Drive

Nov. 24 9am

Vasa Thanksgiving Service

Nov. 27 9:30-11am

Quilts for Grads

Dec. 1 9am

Christmas Program

Rehearsal

Dec. 5

Poinsettia Orders Due by

noon

Dec. 8 9am

Christmas Program

rehearsal

Dec. 8 3pm

Advent Celebration

Dec. 11 5:30-7pm

Vasa Family Fun Night

Dec. 15 10am

Children's Christmas

Program

(Final Rehearsal at 9am)

Weber / St John

A Lutheran Hymn Experience

Sunday, November 24th, 1:30pm

**Spring Garden Lutheran Church
10239 County 1 Blvd, Cannon Falls, MN 55009**



Weber St John was born from an unexpected Craigslist connection between musician and composer Kurt Weber, inspired by his time overseas in the US Army, and Ash St John, a classically trained violinist. Since their first meeting in 2020, they've bonded over a shared love of music and their faith in Jesus. Specializing in hymn arrangements, they see their music as a way to serve Jesus and bring joy to others, it is their joy to share their gift whenever and wherever they can.