

**Vasa Lutheran Church**  
*Do You Want to be Made Well?*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Nick Kees

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\ddagger$  one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
**and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
**and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

**WHAT IS THIS PLACE?**

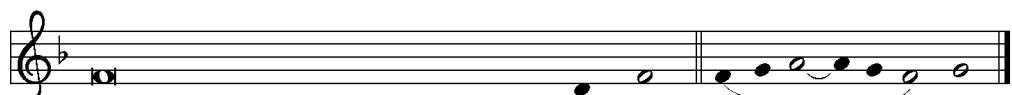
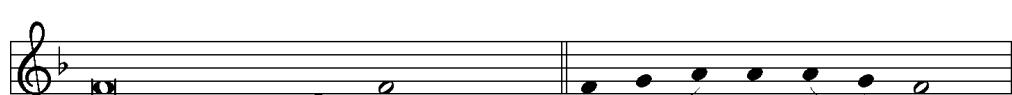
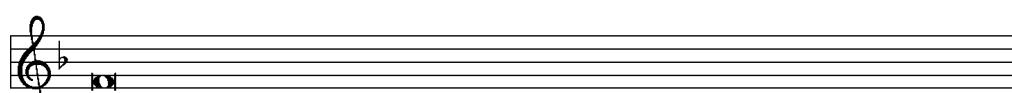
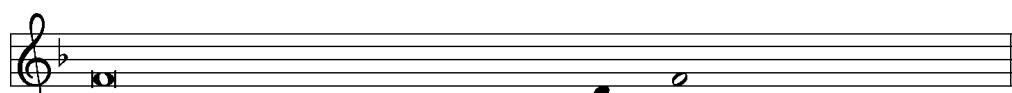
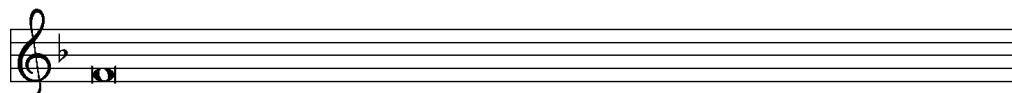
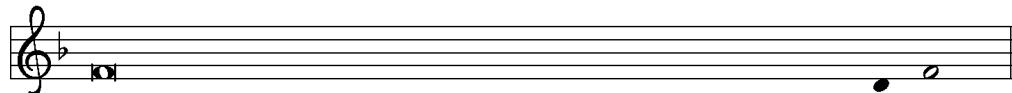
**ELW 524**

**GREETING:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,



we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;



you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.



For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,



you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of miracles, **Sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and hearts to believe. Amen.**

**Psalm 40:1-5**

P: I waited patiently for the LORD;

**C: he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

P: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,

**C: and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

P: He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

**C: Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.**

P: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,

**C: who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.**

P: You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you.

**C: Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.**

**GOSPEL READING: John 5:1-18**

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. 3 In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5 One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" 7 The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." 9 At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath. 10 So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." 11 But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" 12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk'?" 13 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. 14 Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. 16 Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father is still working, and I also am working." 18 For this reason the Jews were

seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

<b>HYMN</b>	<b>HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL</b>	<b>ELW 612</b>
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**SERMON**

<b>HYMN</b>	<b>CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT</b>	<b>ELW 715</b>
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**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER: Leslie Drewianka**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**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: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Give us the courage to follow in the footsteps of Christ,  
who taught us to pray, saying...

**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**

**L:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**L:** Let us share God's peace with one another.

## **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**SENDING HYMN**

**WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD**

**ELW 870**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

**P:** May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you:

**C: Wherever he may send you;**

**P:** May he guide you through the wilderness:

**C: Protect you through the storm;**

**P:** May he bring you home rejoicing:

**C: At the wonders he has shown you;**

**P:** May he bring you home rejoicing:

**C: Once again into our doors. Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**2026 Annual Meeting  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

After Worship please make  
sure to be there to prepare  
for this new year for the  
Vasa Congregation.

# 2026 Lenten Focus

## The “I Am” Saying’s of Jesus

Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> this year. The season of Lent will commence with a service in the **church sanctuary** at **7:00 p.m.** Our Scripture reading will be John 10:11-14 where Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd.”

This year’s pilgrimage through the season of Lent will include a soup supper at 5:30 in the Lutheran Center. At about 6:00 we will worship by singing Holden Evening Prayer. This service will include a brief meditation on the “I Am” saying of Jesus from the gospel of John.

February 18th— I am the **Good Shepherd** (John 10:11-14)

February 25th— I am the **Bread** of Life (John 6:35)

March 4th— I am the **Light** of the world (John 8:12)

March 11th— I am the **Gate/Door** (John 10:9)

March 18th— I am the **Way the Truth and the Life** (John 14:6)

March 25th— I am the **Vine** (John 15:1-5)

**Worship Assistants Today****Usher:** Duane Hanson**Lector:** Barry Skog**Hospitality:** B-J Norman**Worship Assistants Next Week****February 15****Usher:** Rick Samuelson**Lector:** Sid Featherstone**Hospitality:** Lora Gruber**Communion Asst.:** Marcia Featherstone

Parish Pulse:

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Participating in Worship: 52

+ 33 Live Streams

**Total Offerings:****February 1<sup>st</sup>**

\$2,805.00

**MUSIC FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2026****WHAT IS THIS PLACE?**

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