

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Golden Calf

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, October 6, 2024

ANNOUNCING THE DAY:

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.**

HYMN

GOD WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

ELW 673

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.

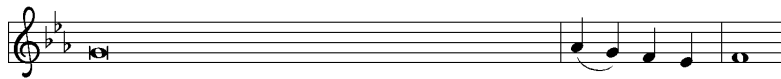
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



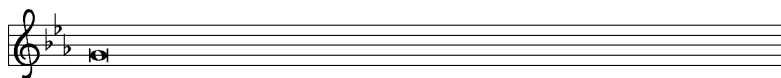
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



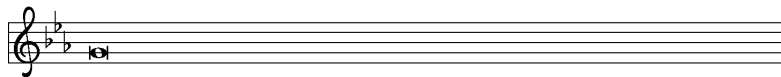
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: Faithful God of an unfaithful people, **The people of Israel doubted your power and turned to other gods to fulfill their needs. We too, turn to other gods, seeking acceptance, power, and independence. show us how to live humbly in you, and walk in your ways, in the name of the one who offered true power to all humanity, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Exodus 32:1-14 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH

ELW 510

SERMON

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: *After the consecration of the communion elements you will be invited to partake in the body and blood of Christ as we kneel at the railing.*

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.

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

Communion will be received 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.

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 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: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN ELW 864

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Mikaelsen, Jay Mikaelsen, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Anne Rathman, Dale Anderson, Lorrie Samuelson, Rosann Pearson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Arleen Stahnke, Connie Gillis, Jim Hedeem and Carolyn Lindstrom, Merle Pearson, Amber Nelson, Yvonne Belin and the Family of Grace Nelson.



The QR code connects to: <https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/c591773>

The Feed My Starving Children mobile pack is coming to Cannon Falls High School on Saturday, November 9.

The 2024 mobile pack needs 500 volunteers, and needs to raise 30 cents for each meal. You can help by donating or by volunteering. To cover the Cannon Falls expenses, please give your donations directly to Kathy Tilderquist for our mobile pack.

Volunteers measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags, and prepare boxes for shipping. There are 5 shifts in which you could participate:

Friday, Nov 8

1:30-2:30 Unload supplies from trucks
2:30-4:30 Set Up

Saturday, November 9

8:00 – 10:00 **OR** 11:00-1:00 Pack meals
12:30-3:30 Clean up

Sign up in the Gathering Space on Sunday, October 6 or October 13, or sign up online at the Feed My Starving Children Website. Use the code CFFMSC. You can also use the above QR code. The earlier you sign up, the more likely you will get the shift of your choice.

Donations are encouraged for the ongoing project of repair/restoration and cleaning of the Stained Glass windows in the church, which were installed in 1955. Since we began this project about 3 years ago, just over 20% of the windows have been restored.

If you participate in Thrivent Choice Dollars, this would be an ideal project to direct your contribution(s). If not, just note Stained Glass on the memo line of your check. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.



If you are interested in making a contribution to Lutheran Disaster Response to assist those areas devastated by Hurricane Helene, you can make a check payable to Vasa Lutheran with *Disaster Relief* on the memo line. Rest assured gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Rick Samuelson

Reader: Sasha Diercks

Hospitality: Sue Hedeon

Comm. Asst: Eleanor Diercks

**Worship Assistants Next Week
(October 13)**

Usher: Marv Fredrickson

Reader: volunteer needed

Hospitality: Audrey Rosener



Vasa will be taking collections for the local food shelves in Cannon Falls and Red Wing during the month of October. Please bring your donations to church on Sundays, or drop them off at the Lutheran Center during regular office hours.

A suggested list of items appears in the Vasa Voice, and is also available as a hand out in the gathering space.



- **Monday, 10/7**
Team Meetings (Property and Finance)
- **Wednesday, 10/9**
Vasa Family Fun Night
- **Monday, 10/14**
Parish Life and Church Council
- **Wednesday, 10/16**
Women's Bible Study
- **Wednesday 10/23**
Quilts for Grads
- **Thursday, 10/31**
Vasa Bazaar Set Up

MUSIC FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

GOD WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH

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MY GOD, HOW WONDERFUL THOU ART

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863

Music: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615

PRAISE MY SOUL THE GOD OF HEAVEN

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman,
1927-2005

Music: John Gross, 1800-1880

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Parish Pulse:

September 22

Participating in Worship: 52

+ 12 Live Stream

Total Offerings:

\$2,211.00

If you have vintage holiday decorations that you don't need anymore, bring them to the Lutheran Center so we can sell them at the bazaar for the church windows.

We would also be glad to see any crafts you may have enjoyed making but now don't know what to do with !