

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Great Commission

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Rev. Matt Larson, preaching

Sunday, April 16, 2023

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful,
holy and mighty, you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

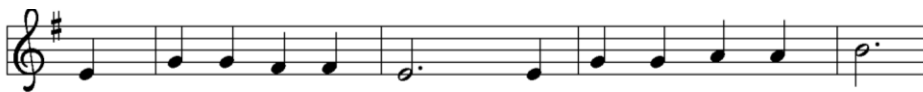
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

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.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of action, **you sent your disciples into the world to preach, teach, and make disciples of all nations. Make us instruments of proclamation, so that all might know of the love you have for humanity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalms 40: 9-10

L: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

C: see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

L: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,

C: I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

ELW 579

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY

ELW 674

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.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of all,
 who raised † Jesus from the dead,
 bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
 to live in the new creation.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Eileen Anderson, Irene

Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul

Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker, Scott

Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Agi

TriFontaine, Nancy Trelstad, Jake

Jacobson, Brad Volz and Dale Anderson.

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Roger Guttromson

Reader: Marcia Featherstone

Hospitality: Marcia Featherstone

**Worship Assistants Next Week
 (04/23/23)**

Usher: Randy Klein

Reader: Sid Featherstone

Comm. Asst.:

Hospitality: Mo Hauck

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

HALLELUJAH! JESUS LIVES!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.

Music: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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2023

Thursday, April 20, 9 am-7 pm
Friday, April 21, 9 am-4 pm
Saturday, April 22, 8am-Noon
(Thursday and Friday only at Vasa Lutheran Center)

SAVE THE DATES!

VASA AND WELCH AREA

8-mile RUMMAGE (& BAKE) SALE



Sales to be held at Vasa Lutheran Center on HWY 19, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church on HWY 61, and at various homes along County Rd 7 & between both churches for over 8 miles!

Drop off times for donations are:

Saturday, 4/15 from 10-3

Sunday, 4/16 from 10-2

Monday, 4/17 from NOON – 5

Tuesday, 4/18 from NOON – 5

Wednesday 4/19 drop-off is for baked goods for sale only, 9 – 7

We Welcome our Guest Preacher today, Rev. Matt Larson, Assistant to Bishop Hassanally.

PARISH PULSE:
April 6, 7, 9 (Holy Week + Easter)

Participating in Worship: **221**
+32 live-streams
Total Offerings: \$3,549.00



American Red Cross

- ❖ Blood Drive at Vasa
 - Thursday, 4/27 from 1-7
 - Friday, 4/28 from 9-2.
- ❖ Red Cross will be collecting Double Reds at this drive if you are interested.
- ❖ Sign Up at 222.43ecrossblood.org, under Dontate Blood. Zip code of the drive is 55089.



**We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others, and
Welcoming and loving all!**

