

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *God is With Us: in Darkness*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

### **CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**GATHER US IN**

**ELW 532**

### **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:** We will sing **ELW #157**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** We will sing **ELW #167**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of presence, **you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 39:1-23**

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. 2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. 3 His master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. 4 So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. 5 From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. 6 So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate. Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. 7 And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." 8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. 9 He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" 10 And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. 11 One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, 12 she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. 13 When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, 14 she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; 15 and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside." 16 Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, 17 and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; 18 but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside." 19 When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. 20 And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. 21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. 22 The

chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. 23 The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND**

**ELW 773**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

**ELW 733**

**CONFession 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: 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

**SENDING HYMN:**           **ON OUR WAY REJOICING**

**ELW 537**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



**Scott Sorenson, Max  
Tilderquist, Irene  
Carpenter, Grace Nelson,  
Jessie Otto and the  
family of David Hagen (Mark's  
father.)**

### Worship Assistants Today

Usher/Hospitality: Duane Hanson  
Reader: Sid Featherstone

### Worship Assistants Next Week (10/2)

Usher/Hospitality: **volunteer needed**  
Reader: Ben Norman  
Communion Asst: B-J Norman

### Music for Sunday, September 25, 2022

#### *Gather Us In*

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#### *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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#### *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960  
Music: William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

#### *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.  
Music: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

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- While Pastor Maureen is away next week, Pastor Kira Anderson, of St. Ansgar's, will be available for pastoral emergencies. Her number is 507-412-1060



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Remember to bring your old bibles that you are no longer using to the Lutheran Center. From now through the end of October we will accept old Bibles with the intent to respectfully dispose of them on All Saints Sunday on November 6<sup>th</sup>. You may drop them off at the church office or with Pastor Maureen.

#### Free Community Dinner



([office@vasalutheran.org](mailto:office@vasalutheran.org)) or by phone (651-258-4327).

The October Community Dinner is just around the corner (October 12), and the deadline for meal reservations is even sooner: **OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>** by NOON. Reservations can be made online at the Vasa Lutheran website, by email



Vendor Registration forms are still available for the Vasa Bazaar. Call or email the church office if you are interested in participating. Questions? Call Kathy Tilderquist (651-554-1256).



American Red Cross

DATE CHANGES FOR THE VASA AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: NOVEMBER 22 (1 – 7 PM) AND NOVEMBER 23 (9-2).