

Vasa Lutheran Church

Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed!

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, April 20, 2025

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of † the One
who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

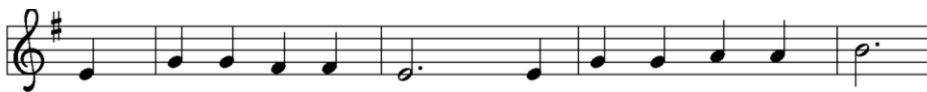
We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
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:

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

(We pray together.)

Holy Lord Jesus, **Glory be to you, whom death could not defeat. Praise to the Savior of heaven and earth. Honor and glory are yours, now and forever, Christ our savior and redeemer. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalms 118: 19-24

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

C: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

L: This is the gate of the LORD;

C: the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the LORD's doing;

C: it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the LORD has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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: LUKE 24:1-12

Luke 24:1-12 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were

perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Music: Caribbean traditional

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

ELW 379

CONFESSION OF FAITH using the words of the Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT AND COLLECTION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: *After the consecration of the communion elements you will be invited to partake in the body and blood of Christ. We believe that God is present with us whether we are kneeling at a railing, sitting in a pew or participating in worship in our homes.*

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
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

We will kneel at the altar railing for communion. 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 Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT ELW 384

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

MUSIC FOR APRIL 20, 2025

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4

Music: J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

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Music: Muscogee (Creek) Indian; transc. Charles H. Webb, b. 1933

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

Text from Oxford Book of Carols, © Oxford University Press 1928. All rights reserved. Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958 Music: French carol

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Duane Hanson

Reader: B-J Norman

Comm Asst: Megan Carlson, Tanner Carlson, Josie Finne, Aly Finne

Worship Assistants Next Week APRIL 27th

Usher: Bruce Tilderquist

Reader: Kathy Tilderquist

Hospitality: Audrey Rosener

Parish Pulse:

April 9 & 13

Participating in Worship: 99

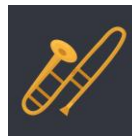
+ 10 Live Streams

Total Offerings:

April 13: \$11,415.00



Jay Mikaelson, Scott Sorenson, Anne Rathman, Lorrie Samuelson, Dale Anderson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Carolyn Lindstrom, Merle Pearson, Yvonne Belin, Terri Fredin, and Terri Mandelkow.



The Sheldon Theatre Brass Band has a performance on April 26th at 3PM at the Sheldon Theatre in Red Wing! Tickets are \$15-\$28. For more info, visit the [Sheldon Theatre Website!](#)

This is the Caron County Park waterfall. The picture was taken in September, 2024 and shows the dead tree leaning on the falls.



This picture was taken on April 13, 2025. With God all things are possible, including moving the tree off the waterfall!



This is a picture of the plaque presented, with gratitude, to the Sanctuary Redecorating Task force. The nails are originals, removed from the altar railing.



In addition to the Redecorating Task Force, Vasa is also grateful for the following businesses who participated in the redecorating process:

- Featherstone Painting
- Flooring Resources, Eagan
- Garner's Upholstery, Dennison (Kneelers and Altar Railing)
 - Chuck Majerus, Goodhue (Pew Cushions)
 - B-J Norman who refurbished the pulpit
 - Ben Edwards Moving Company for moving the pews
- **Pastor Maureen** will be on vacation from April 21 through the 27th. Bill Peterson will lead worship in the sanctuary on April 27th.
- **Rummage Sale** set up is Mon-Wed. (4/21-4/23) For more details, check Facebook or the church website. Actual Sale will be Thursday (4/24) and Friday (4/25).
- There will be **no Wednesday Evening Activities** on April 23.