

Vasa Lutheran Church

Seven Practices of Jesus: Feeding

Worship leaders: Sid & Marcia Featherstone

Bringing the message: Jay Mikaelson

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, July 11, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, wrote, "What we do is very little. But it is like the little boy with a few loaves and fishes. Christ took that little and increased it. He will do the rest. What we do is so little that we may seem to be constantly failing. But so did he fail. He met with apparent failure on the Cross. But unless the seeds fall into the earth and die, there is no harvest."

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! ELW 413

GREETING

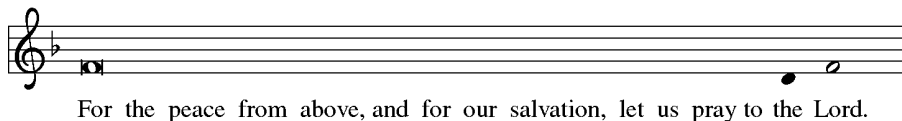
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: and also with you.

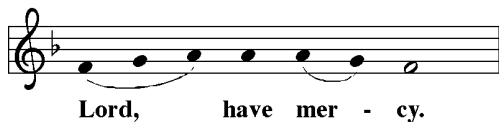
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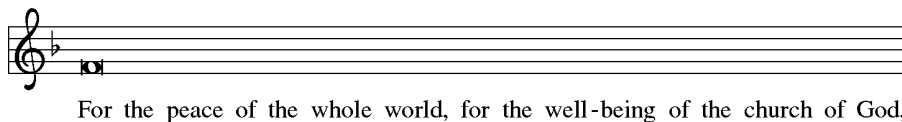
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



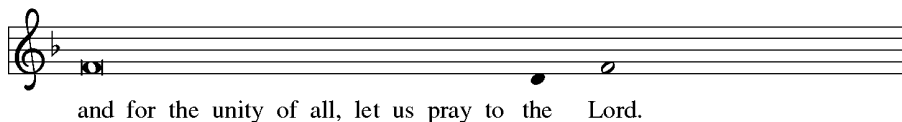
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



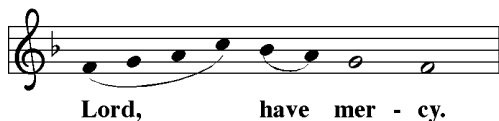
Lord, have mer - cy.



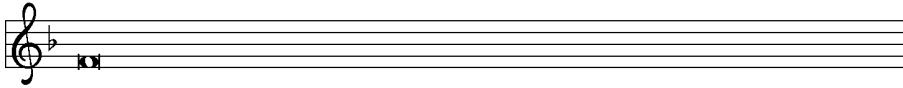
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



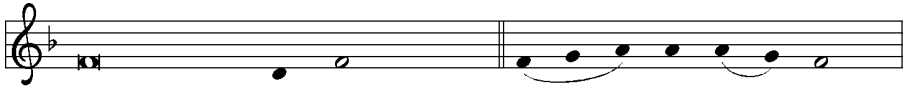
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

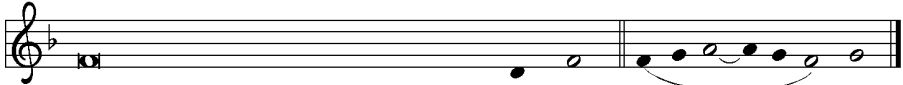


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious God, **you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 145:10-19

L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

C: and all your faithful shall bless you.

L: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

**C: to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

C: and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

L: The LORD is faithful in all his words,

C: and gracious in all his deeds.

L: The LORD upholds all who are falling,

C: and raises up all who are bowed down.

L: The eyes of all look to you,

C: and you give them their food in due season.

L: You open your hand,

C: satisfying the desire of every living thing.

L: The LORD is just in all his ways,

C: and kind in all his doings.

L: The LORD is near to all who call on him,

C: to all who call on him in truth.

L: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;

C: he also hears their cry, and saves them.

Mark 6:30-44 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. 35 When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; 36 send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." 37 But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" 38 And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." 39 Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. 41 Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. 42 And all ate and were filled; 43 and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44 Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: BREAK NOW THE BREAD OF LIFE ELW 515

SERMON

HYMN YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART ELW 484

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

SENDING HYMN:

TO BE YOUR PRESENCE

ELW 546

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
C: **Thanks be to God.**



Scott Sorenson, Linda
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Eileen Anderson, Irene
Carpenter, and Paul
Mikaelsen.

Assisting with Worship Today:

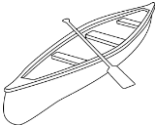
**Usher: Kevin Hanson
Reader: Duane Martenson**

Assisting Next week:

***Usher: Mike Carlson
Reader: Sid Featherstone
Communion Assistant: Kevin Eckblad***

Parish Pulse:
July 4, 2021

Participating in Worship:
35 (+ 11 WEW 7/07/21)
Total Offerings: \$2,955.00



Just a reminder that Pastor Maureen will be out of the office from July 9-July 16.

Thank you to everyone who supported the museum by purchasing sandwiches and root beer floats on July 4th. Over 100 shredded chicken sandwiches were sold and the keg of root beer was emptied! It was a good day in spite of the heat. Purchases totaled \$1022.00!



Join us for coffee and conversation every Tuesday morning at 9:30!



Vasa v. St. Joe's Softball Game
Monday, July 12, 2021
6:30pm – Anderson Park (Red Wing)



We will celebrate Pastor Maureen's Birthday next Sunday, July 18.
Refreshments and treats after church!



American Red Cross Blood Drive, July 29-30.
Call 1-800 733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to reserve your spot.



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