

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Parable of the Last Judgment

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Sunday, March 26, 2023

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Psalm 98:7-9

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

C: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

L: at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

C: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace. Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

† forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT

ELW 714

GREETING: 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

Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY God of justice, **you have shown yourself in this world in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. Make us willing participants of your grace and generosity, so that when you come again, we will know your face. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:31 - 46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least

of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to you, Oh Lord.**

HYMN RESPONSE

RESTORE IN US, O GOD

ELW 328

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

BELOVED, GOD'S CHOSEN

ELW 648

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 INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words, "Lord, in your mercy," Please respond with "hear our prayer."

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 LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING ELW 545

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: God, the giver of love,
‡ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



**Eileen Anderson, Irene
Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul
Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker,
Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist,
Connie Gillis, Einar Norman, Agi
Bischoff, and Nancy Trelstad.**

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

God of Mercy, God of Light

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Kyrie

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Restore in Us, O God

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Beloved, God's Chosen

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Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

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Holy Week

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY APRIL 2nd

PALM SUNDAY 9:00AM HOLY COMMUNION

THURSDAY, APRIL 6th

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 7th

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 9th

EASTER MORNING 9:00AM HOLY COMMUNION

PARISH PULSE:

March 19&22

Participating in Worship: **75**

+11 live-streams

Total Offerings: \$5,842.00

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Duane Hanson

Reader: Marcia Featherstone

Hospitality: Mo Hauck

**Worship Assistants Next
Week (04/02)**

Usher: *Volunteer Needed*

Reader: Tim Carlson

Hospitality: Sue Hedeem

Comm. Asst: Bruce Tilderquist



April 20th-21st
Doors open
9AM each day!



The 2023 Vasa/Welch Area Rummage Sale is coming up soon and it's never too early to start sorting! Drop-off times are as follows:

Saturday, April 15th 10-3

Sunday, April 16th 10-2

Monday, April 17th Noon-5

Tuesday, April 18th Noon-5

Wednesday, April 19th

Bake Sale Items ONLY from
Noon-7.



UPDATES

At the March 20 council meeting the following were elected as the executive team:

- **Bryan Diercks, Church Council President**
- **Randy Klein, Church Council Vice President**
- **Andrew Featherstone, Church Council Secretary**



Window Repair on the Steeple:

Jim Hedeem of the Window Task Force brought a recommendation to the council that Joe Dietheim of Studio 300 in Red Wing be contracted to remove and rebuild the two windows on the south face of the steeple. The council voted to approve this recommendation and steps were taken this week to move forward on this project. The cost is projected to be about \$12,000.00. This expenditure was approved at the congregational meeting on February 26, 2023. There is money in two memorial accounts to cover this expense.