

Vasa Lutheran Church

Creation and Fall

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Nick Kees

Sunday, September 8, 2024

ANNOUNCING THE DAY:

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

HYMN

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

ELW 879

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.



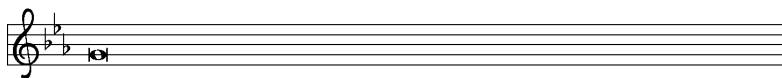
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



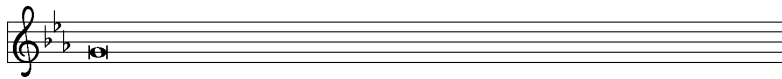
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



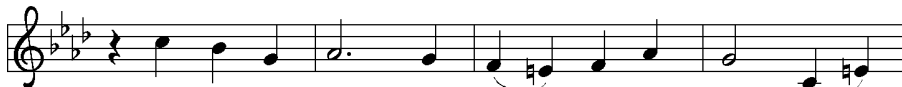
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1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord God, **grand architect of the universe, Your design of creation is unflawed. Yet we continue to litter your creation with defects and imperfections. Show us how not to destroy, but to create, not to demean, but to uplift, not to hate, but to love, so that your creation may be made perfect once again. This we pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 2:4-7 In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up-- for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground-- then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:15-17 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Genesis 3:1-8 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME

ELW 599

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY OH, WORSHIP THE KING

ELW 842

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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share God's peace with one another.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

SENDING HYMN: GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE! ELW 848

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: God all mighty,

God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
Amen.



DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Paul Mikaelson, Jay Mikaelson, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Anne Rathman, Dale Anderson, Lorrie Samuelson, Rosann Pearson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Arleen Stahnke, Connie Gillis, Jim Hedeem and Carolyn Lindstrom.

Parish Pulse:

August 28 & Sept. 1, 2024

Participating in Worship: 40

+ 7 Live Stream

Total Offerings:

\$1,395.30

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Bryan Diercks

Reader: Sasha Diercks

Hospitality: Lora Gruber

Comm. Asst:

**Worship Assistants Next Week
(September 15)**

Usher: Kevin Eckblad

Reader: Kathy Tilderquist

Hospitality: Jessica Anderson

MUSIC FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W.

Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

Music: W. Daman, The Psalmes of Daud, 1579, alt.

O WORSHIP THE KING

Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, alt.

Music: William Croft, 1678-1727

GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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The American Red Cross will be at Vasa for a blood drive on September 19th (1:00-7:00pm) and September 20th(9:00am - 2:00pm). Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter vasalutheran to schedule an appointment.



Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary and by the east door. They are there to receive your offering as you enter the sanctuary for worship.



FEED THE FUEL FUND

Donations are being taken for the Vasa fuel fund. If you are able to donate toward this need, it will be gratefully received.



Faith Formation

- **Sunday School** for ages 3– Grade 6 begins TODAY! All Sunday School aged children will meet at the Lutheran Center during Worship.
- **9th grade Confirmation** classes begin next TODAY, Sept.8 at 10:15, at the Lutheran Center.
- **7th/8th Grade Confirmation** classes begin Wed. Sept. 11 at 5:45 at the Lutheran Center.

**Looking for people to cut jeans and flannel, and to help sew the quilts for the graduates. We will work from 9:30-11 am on the 4th Wednesday of each month. We have many quilts to make for grads over the next few years. The first work-
bee will be Sept 25. If you can sew, please bring your machine. If you can cut, please bring a scissors. There's something to do for anyone who wants to help.**

MUSEUM BOARD!!

WE HAVE A MEETING TOMORROW (9/9) AT 6:30!

MEET AT VASA HOUSE.



Vasa Family Night
Fall into Fall

Wednesday, September 11th
5:30-7:00pm
Vasa Lutheran Center

Picnic Dinner
Outdoor Activities
Short Devotional

All Are Welcomed

