

Vasa Lutheran Church

He is Risen! He is risen, indeed!

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Sunday, April 4, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water will be poured into the font as we give thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA ELW 365

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Risen Messiah, **Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! 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 READINGS:

Psalm 118:17, 21-24

L: I shall not die, but I shall live,

C: and recount the deeds of the LORD.

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.

Luke 24:1-12 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 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. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 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: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

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| HYMN: | HALLELUJAH! JESUS LIVES! | ELW 380 |
| SERMON | REMEMBERING AND RE-MEMBERING | |
| HYMN | THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT | ELW 384 |

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

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 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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

played by Connor Samuelson

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 Wellspring of joy, **through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

THINE IS THE GLORY

ELW 376

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Today we celebrate the First Communion of

Max Fredin, son of Ross and Theresa Fredin

Brenner Pagel, son of Jason and Bonnie Pagel

Nicholas Weigman, son of Chris and Barbara Weigman

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Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson, Paul Mikaelson, Gloria Skog, Merle Pearson.

Parish Pulse:
March 28
Participating in Worship: All – In Spirit
(44 in-person + 25 for Lenten Worship
3/24)
Total Offerings: \$2,377.00

Today’s Easter flowers were given by:



- Rodney Nelson in memory of Mary.
- Merle and Rita Pearson in Thanksgiving for Vasa Lutheran
- Jim and Sue Hedeem in memory of loved ones.
- Bruce and Kathy Tilderquist in memory of loved ones.
- Ben and B-J Norman, in memory of the Norman and Mushet Families.



Save the Dates: April 14 (Tater-Tot Hot Dish) & May 12 (Pulled Pork Sandwiches)!! **Reservation Deadlines are April 7 and May 5 at 1:00 (you know the drill!)** Also—many thanks to our volunteers who made our March 10 Community Dinner so successful. We prepared and served about 325 meals,



Mark your calendar for the **Vasa Rummage & Bake Sale** to be held on **April 22-23**. Items (including clothing) may be dropped off at the Lutheran Center beginning Saturday, April 17. See the Vasa Voice for times to drop off items. (For the e-version of the April Voice, click [here](#))

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family
friends

Wednesday Evening Worship +Everyday Bible Conversation resumes on April 21 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room at the Lutheran Center. Per our usual custom, we will also celebrate Holy Communion. It will be good to be together again.



American Red Cross

Vasa Lutheran Blood Drive
April 29 1:00pm – 7:00pm
April 30 9:00am – 2:00pm



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