

Vasa Lutheran Church

Beatitudes

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, January 22, 2023

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Psalm 1:1-3

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

C: or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

L: but their delight is in the law of the LORD,

C: and on his law they meditate day and night.

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

C: which yield their fruit in its season,

L: and their leaves do not wither.

C: In all that they do, they prosper.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

who makes all things new,

whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love,

forgive us,

that we may be reconciled to one another

for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass

and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

GATHER US IN

ELW 532

GREETING

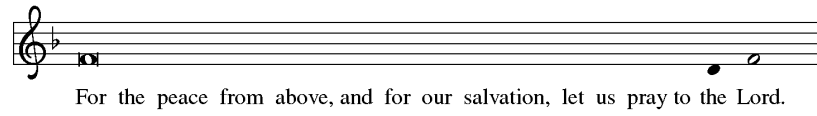
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: and also with you.

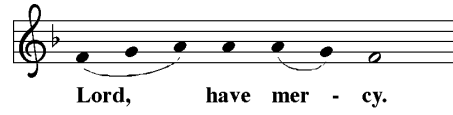
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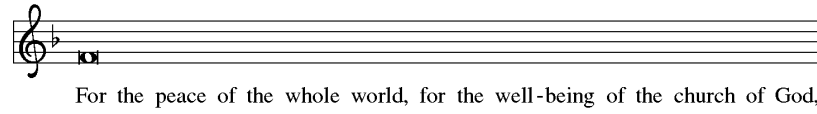
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



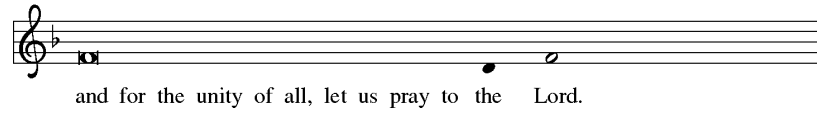
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



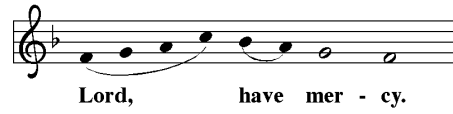
Lord, have mer - cy.



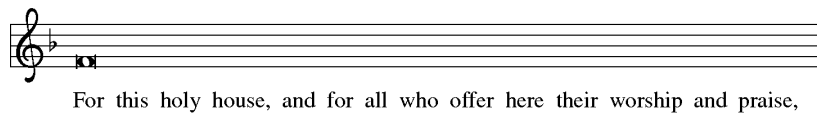
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



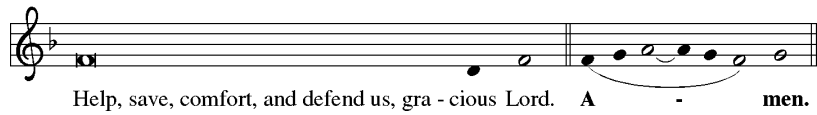
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Loving God, **your son Jesus taught many things that helped people know how deeply you love humanity. Help us to live in your love, so that we might be beacons of light for others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-20 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No

one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

WOV 783

SERMON

HYMN:

LORD JESUS THINK ON ME

ELW 599

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:

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

ELW 677

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
C: **Thanks be to God.**



Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelson, Eileen Anderson, and the Family of Jessie Otto.

PARISH PULSE:
January 15 & 18
Participating in Worship: **50**
+ 9 live-streams
Total Offerings: \$1,206.00

Worship Assistants Today:
Usher: Duane Hanson
Reader: Kathy Tilderquist
Hospitality: Ben/B-J Norman

**Worship Assistants Next Week
(1/29)**
Usher: Kevin Eckblad
Reader: Jessica Anderson
Hospitality: Marcia Featherstone

**MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 23,
2023**

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Lord Jesus Think on Me
Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W.
Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.
Music: W. Daman, *The Psalms of David*, 1579, alt.

This Little Light of Mine
Arr. © Horace Clarence Boyer, admin. Augsburg
Fortress Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace
Clarence Boyer, b. 1935

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THIS WEEK AT VASA...

Tuesday, Jan 23:

➤ **9:30am Coffee &
Conversation**

Wednesday, Jan 24:

➤ **5:30 -6:30 Faith
Formation (including
7th/8th Confirmation
5:45-6:45)**
➤ **6:45 Wednesday Evening
Worship**

3-7pm
1-28-2023

CANCER WARRIOR

2019 JESSIE (BIGNELL) OTTO WAS DIAGNOSED WITH STAGE 4 BREAST CANCER. LIKE THE WARRIOR SHE IS, SHE WENT THRU A YEAR OF CHEMOTHERAPY, A DOUBLE MASECTOMY AND TRIAL DRUGS AND BY 2020 SHE HAD BEATEN BREAST CANCER.

AUGUST 2022 AFTER A NEVER ENDING COUGH BROUGHT HER INTO THE DOCTOR, SHE WAS TOLD THE CANCER WAS BACK, IN BOTH LUNGS. DEVESTATING NEWS FOR A FAMILY WHO THOUGHT SHE HAD KICKED THE CANCER. WE ARE RALLYING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY AND FAMILY TO GATHER ON:

JANUARY 28TH, 2023

5:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.

@ THE GRAND O2 EVENT CENTER

ANY DONATIONS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO JESSIE, JEDD, HALEY, DANNY & BELLA OTTO

THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE:

SILENT AUCTION

RAFFLES

50/50 CASH DRAWINGS

"BIC-THE-CHICK-FUNDRASER "

KELLY OTTO GUSTAFSON

GUN RAFFLE

GRILL RAFFLE

2023 HUNT GIVEAWAYS

"GEORGE CONCERTINA BAND"

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME AND CONSIDERATION ON DONATING TO THIS EVENT.

CancerSucks Otto
@CancerSucks-Otto



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"LIFE ISN'T ABOUT WAITING FOR THE STORM TO PASS...
IT'S ABOUT LEARNING TO DANCE IN THE RAIN."
— VIVIAN GREENE

DONATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP BY KELLY

OR DROPPED OFF AT:

THE GRAND O2 EVENT CENTER

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM-4PM

BRIA OHMANN 507-291-0160

KELLY OTTO GUSTAFSON 651-206-3459

BETSY OTTO 507-581-2864

**ALL RAFFLE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS TO HELP HER WITH HER FIGHT.
JESSIE OTTO**



**We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others, and
Welcoming and loving all!**

