

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Man Beside the Pool of Bethzatha

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Austin Ferguson

Sunday, February 6, 2022

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Psalm 40:1-5

L: I waited patiently for the LORD;

C: he inclined to me and heard my cry.

L: He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,

**C: and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

L: He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

**C: Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.**

L: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,

**C: who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**

L: You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

**C: Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:
In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

GATHER US IN

ELW 532

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of six staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are in German and are written below the notes.

Staff 1: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

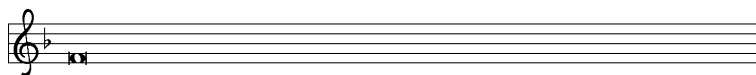
Staff 2: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Staff 3: Lord, have mer - cy.

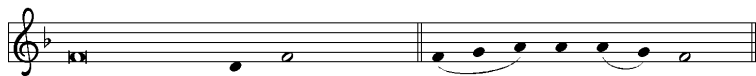
Staff 4: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

Staff 5: and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

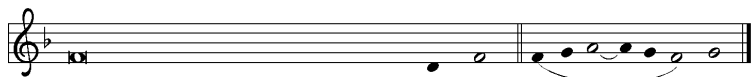
Staff 6: Lord, have mer - cy.



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,



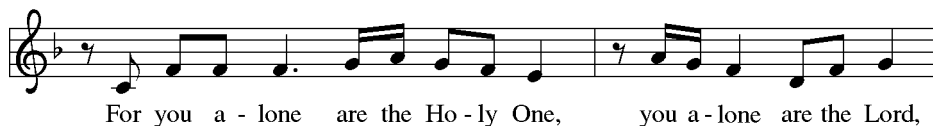
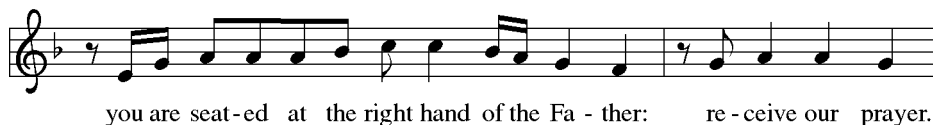
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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;



PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of miracles, **sometimes we are slow to believe in your power even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: 5:1-18

John 5:1-18 After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. 3 In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. 4 5 One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" 7 The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." 9 At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. 10 So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." 11 But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" 12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk'?" 13 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. 14 Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. 16 Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. 17 But Jesus

answered them, "My Father is still working, and I also am working." 18 For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

ELW 612

SERMON

HYMN

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

ELW 715

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.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT:

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS:

*We will serve communion using individual portions
and you may remain in your seats.*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

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 We give you thanks, gracious God, **for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS**BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
 who rejoices over you,
 and who calls you by name,
 † bless your going out and your coming in,
 today and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go with Christ into a weary world.
 Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelson,
 Jay Mikaelson, and Dan Hedeem.

Parish Pulse:

January 30, 2022

Participating in Worship: 46

+ 14 concurrent live-streams

+5 Sunday School and 8 Faith Formation

+8 Confirmation

+ 8 WEW Feb. 2, 2022

Total Offerings: \$2,950.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Today:

Usher: Steve Hyllengren

Reader: Katie Lindahl

Assisting Next Week:

Usher: Bruce Tilderquist

Reader: Marilyn Hanson

Meetings this week: ALL MEETINGS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Property Committee: 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room

Finance Committee: 5 p.m. in Classroom 3

Parish Life Committee: 6 p.m. in the former youth room at the end of the hall

Museum Committee: 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room

Endowment Committee: 7 p.m. in Classroom 3

Save the Date: Annual Meeting--Sunday, February 27, 9:45 a.m. We need 40 members for a quorum to conduct business so please make plans to attend!!



Bible Study on the book of James continues in the Lutheran Center, beginning at 10:15 on Sunday mornings. We are studying Chapter 2 today.



Volunteers Needed for Vasa Teams:

Vasa is in need of a "few good volunteers!" Specific needs include two people for the Property team, two people for the Parish Life team, one person for the Finance team, and one person for the Endowment team. Serving on these teams includes a responsibility to serve on the church council. Contact Barbara Weigman at barbara.weigman@gmail.com or 507-202-7880 for more details.



Blood Drive: At the recent blood drive at Vasa on Jan. 21 and 22, we had 70 donors come and got 60 units of blood. These donations can be used for 180 people. Thanks so much if you donated!! The next drive at Vasa is April 28, 29.

Amazon Shoppers: If you shop at Amazon, you can donate to Vasa through your purchases. Log into smile.amazon.com. Choose Vasa from the list of possible charities which are registered for this rebate and shop as you normally would. Vasa automatically will get a donation from Amazon and it costs you nothing!



We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others,
Welcoming and Loving All.

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