

Vasa Lutheran Church

Gospel as Salvation

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, May 7, 2023

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Matthew 9:10-13

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **C: Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

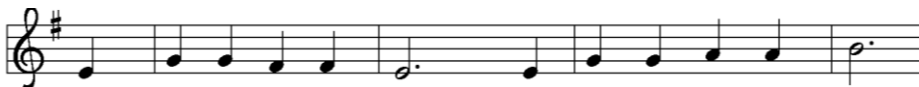
Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

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.**

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-lemn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
 Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth:
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;
 Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of all humanity, **you welcomed all -- sinners and saints -- into your kingdom. Help us to be as welcoming and accepting as you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 1:1-17 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you-- or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish -- hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN **IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE** **ELW 834**

SERMON

HYMN **MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE** **ELW 759**

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

We will receive communion by kneeling at the railing. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You don't need to be a member of Vasa, nor do you need to be a Lutheran to receive the body and blood of Christ today. Gluten free portions and non-alcoholic wine are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children are welcome to come forward and will receive a blessing.

COMMUNION BLESSING: The body and blood of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ strengthen you and give you peace. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Gracious God, **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME

ELW 767

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Eileen Anderson, Irene
Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul
Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker, Scott
Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Agi
TriFontaine, Nancy Trelstad, Jake
Jacobson, Dale Anderson, Ivan Nelson,
and Duane Thompson.



The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, and by the east door. They were moved there when we resumed in-person worship after the pandemic. They are there to receive your offering as you enter the sanctuary. Electronic giving is also available.



Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Kevin Eckblad
Reader: Jeannette Anderson
Hospitality: Arleen Stahnke
Comm/ Asst.: Roger Guttromson

Worship Assistants Next Week (05/14/2023)

Usher: Duane Hanson
Reader: Jim Hedeon
Hospitality: Faye Drewianka

PARISH PULSE:

April 30, 2023

Participating in Worship: **78**

+9 live-streams

Total Offerings: \$3,835.00

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

Come Thou Almighty King

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg

Fortress Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825-1901;

tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: Friedrich Silcher, 1789-1860

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Save the dates!

AUGUST 14-17, 2023!



5:30-7:00PM

Ages 4 (pre-school) – 6th Grade



The 2023 Vasa Church Directory is ready! Color copies are \$3.00 each, B/W are FREE! If you've already signed up for a color copy see Kathy Tilderquist. And if you haven't signed up for a color copy, but want one, see Kathy also !



Five Wishes Advance Care Planning booklets are available in the Gathering Space or at the Lutheran Center. Feel free to take one as you consider how you want to manage your future comfort and care.

CLOTHING DONATIONS:

Vasa will continue to accept clothing, shoes, purses, and bedding donations through the end of May. Bag these items in large garbage bags and bring them to classroom #3, (the split classroom) in the Lutheran Center. The Epilepsy foundation will pay us for these items, with all funds going toward the repair of the stained-glass windows.

FUEL FUND DONATIONS WELCOMED

The extended winter weather has depleted the fuel fund. If you are interested in supporting the ministry of Vasa in a specific way, please consider designating gifts to the fuel fund.





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