

Vasa Lutheran Church

11th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Tim Seitz

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Sunday, August 9, 2026

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

L: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

ELW 756

GREETING: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God our defender, **storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PSALM 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 14:22-33

22 [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L: Word of God, word of life | **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN

JESUS CALLS US, O'ER THE TUMULT

ELW 696

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ABIDE WITH ME

ELW 629

BAPTISM OF OWEN TANNER CARLSON

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin

and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you Taylor and Siri, desire to have your son baptized into Christ? If so say, "I do."

Response: I do.

As you bring Owen to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Owen grow in the Christian faith and life? If so say, "I do."
Taylor and Siri respond: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Owen in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so say, "I do."

Tanner and Peder respond: I do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Owen and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

BAPTISM Owen Tanner Carlson is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Owen with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Owen Tanner Carlson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**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,
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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: God of Grace. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Give us the courage to follow in the footsteps of Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying...

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS**BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✝ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Family Fun Night will continue this year if we have help to do the following:

- 1) Decide on a menu and make sure we have the food/supplies we need. You don't have to pay for the food—the church will pay.
- 2) Help serve supper and clean-up or find someone else who can do it
- 3) Determine some type of activity for the kids who attend—
 - a. Sept and May usually have been playing outside
 - b. Oct has typically been a hayride
 - c. Dec can be caroling in the gazebo
 - d. We have painting supplies, and can find supplies for lots of different things to do, including Bingo and board games.
- 4) If a family or 2 families work together to sponsor the month, maybe the kids in the family can help figure out what to do and help teach the other kids something or lead an activity.

This is a chance for a small group of people or families to work together and create a fun night for those of all ages to attend. Sign up on the sheet in the gathering space to be in charge of a month of fun! Family Fun Night is on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Sept through May but can only happen if we get help!!

Thanks to everyone who stayed on Sunday, Aug. 2 to start the process of putting together the site profile which will be given to those pastor candidates who want to see what Vasa is all about. The next Temple Talk to work through questions about Vasa will be Sunday, September 13 after the church service. Please plan to attend.

Parish Pulse:

July 26

Participating in Worship:

+ **56** Live Streams

Total Offerings:

July 26

\$2,838.95



Wendy Anderson, Jay
Mikaelsen, Scott
Sorenson, Lorrie
Samuelson, Lynda
Rosener, Connor
Michalicek (Rosann
Pearson's grandson),
Jake Jacobson, Rachel
Harper (Barry Skog's
Niece)

Worship Assistants Today

August 9

Musician: Nick Kees

Usher: Kevin Eckblad

Lector: Barry Skog

Hospitality: Sue Ness

Worship Assistants Next Week

August 16

Musician: Anne Anderson

Usher: Marvin Fredrickson

Lector: Barry Skog

Hospitality: Sue Ness

MUSIC FOR AUGUST 9, 2026

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

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JESUS CALLS US, O'ER THE TUMULT

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

Music: William H. Jude, 1851-1922

ABIDE WITH ME

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

Music: William H. Monk, 1823-1889

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE

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