

Vasa Lutheran Church
*The Lord's Prayer: Forgive Our Sins
as we Forgive Others*

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Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, August 29, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ⁺ one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Loving God, we admit that we are not always loving and kind. We know that we can be selfish and mean to other people, even to people we love.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Forgive us for the words we say and the things we do that hurt other people.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Great God we know that you love and forgive not only us, but all people. Teach us to be like you. show us how to love and forgive those who are not kind or loving to us. Give us your power to forgive them when they are as selfish and mean as we sometimes are.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Help us forgive them when they do things and say words that hurt us.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Forgiving God, your son Jesus taught us this prayer and then died on the cross to prove to us that you do forgive us and everyone else in the world. Teach us how to pray this prayer. make us deeply aware that we are forgiven. And, help us forgive those who sin against us. For we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ⁺ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

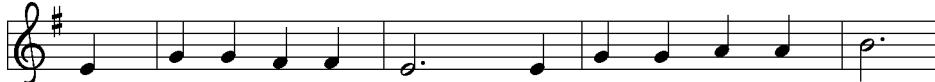
GATHERING HYMN ALL CREATURES, WORSHIP GOD MOST HIGH! ELW 835

GREETING

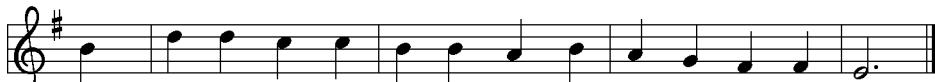
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: and also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn 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: O Lord, God, merciful judge, **you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Matthew 18:15-20 "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Matthew 18:23 - 35 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my

heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Fifth Petition

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

What is this? or What does this mean?

We ask in this prayer that our heavenly Father would not regard our sins nor deny these petitions on their account, for we are worthy of nothing for which we ask, nor have we earned it. Instead we ask that God would give us all things by grace, for we daily sin much and indeed deserve only punishment. So, on the other hand, we, too, truly want to forgive heartily and to do good gladly to those who sin against us.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN:

FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE

ELW 605

SERMON

HYMN and CONFESSION OF FAITH

"I Believe"

to the tune of "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

I believe in God the Father, the Almighty God above,
Maker of the earth and heaven which were formed in God's great love.
And in Jesus, loving Jesus, God's own Son, who makes us new.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith for our church, too.

Jesus, by God's Holy Spirit, was so wondrously conceived,
Born unto the Virgin Mary, who your promises believed.
Jesus suffering under Pilate, on a cross was crucified.
Soldiers mocked him, friends denied him; he hung there until he died.

So it was, our Lord was buried, in a borrowed tomb he lay.
To the dead he then descended, where was joy on earth that day?
There is more to God's great story: In three days he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and he sits at God's right hand.

I believe what God has promised: Christ will come as he has said.
He will judge the nations' peoples, both the living and the dead.
I believe God's Holy Spirit makes the church one family.
We're surrounded by God's people, saints who in our Lord believe.

I believe that God forgives us for the times we turn away,
And that God will raise our bodies on that resurrection day.
We rejoice we'll live forever, singing praise to God's great name.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith that we proclaim.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT: *Your financial support of Vasa's ministry is always appreciated. Offering plates are sitting at the back of the sanctuary.*

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: *After the consecration of the communion elements you will be invited to come forward for communion by intinction. If you prefer, you may use a communion portion and 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 (*Using the melody written by Alfred Hay Malotte*)

**Our Fa-ther, which art in heaven,
 hal-low-ed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and for-give us our debts,
 as we for-give our debtors.
and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion,
 but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For thine is the king-dom,
and the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for-ev-er. A-men.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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 Jesus, Bread of life, **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: PRAISE THE LORD, RISE UP REJOICING

ELW 544

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
☩ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson, Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelson, Michelle Pearson, Grace Nelson, and Zac Carlson



If you wish to make a monetary contribution to Vasa Lutheran church, offering plates are located near the exits at the South and East doors.

Parish Pulse:

August 22, 2021

Participating in Worship:

61 (+ 5 at WEW 8/25/2021)

Total Offerings: \$2,670.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Assisting Next week:

Usher: Randy Klein

Reader: Katie Lindahl

Communion Asst: Mike Carlson



Vasa Lutheran will kick off the Christian Education season with an intergenerational worship service on September 19, 2021. Sunday School will begin on September 26, 2021 and will be held during worship, at the Lutheran Center. Masks will be recommended, but not required for both worship and Sunday School.



Anyone who can help weed-whip the cemetery, plan to meet on Tuesday evening, August 31, at 6pm. If you can't make it then, but can still help out, feel free to stop by during the day and do what you can! RAIN DATE:

September 1.



Grace Nelson is currently residing at Bay View in Red Wing, receiving rehabilitation for injuries she sustained in a recent fall. Cards and well-wishes can be sent to **Grace Nelson, c/o Bay View Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1412 W. 4th St., Red Wing, MN 55066.**



American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive at Welch Community Cross of Christ Lutheran church next Thursday (Sept 2) from 12-6, and Friday (Sept 3) from 8:30-2:30. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: welchmn to schedule and appointment.

Free Community Dinner



**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS
THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPT 1 at
NOON!!**

The September Community Dinner is scheduled for September 8! Since we are not out of the Covid woods YET, we will continue with Drive Through and Delivery Options ONLY—which means **meal reservations are DUE THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st!!** Call or email the church office with your requests. Please include your name, phone number, specify how many meals, and Drive Through or Delivery preference. The September menu includes: Brats, Baked Beans, Potato Salad (OR chips—please specify which you want when you place your order) and a cookie!



Afghan Refugee Assistance



Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service

LIRS has been working since 2009 to resettle refugees from Afghanistan, many of whom were American allies during the war. With the recent and rapid withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan, the need for financial support for the Afghan refugees is greater than ever. **This is where you can help.** Making a gift

to **Neighbors in Need: Afghan Allies** will provide food, housing assistance, clothing, and other basic needs for our Afghan friends as they await the official services available to them. You can mail donations to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, PO Box 17467, Baltimore, MD 21297-1467.

For additional information on how to help the Afghan refugees, or to donate online, visit:
<https://www.lirs.org/help-our-afghan-allies/>.

Haiti Earthquake Relief



Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in Haiti to meet relief needs for the victims of Haiti's recent earthquake, including food, water, medical supplies and temporary shelter. In the future, other areas of support will include psychosocial care, water and sanitation, and creating sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and livestock. We also stand with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti as it assesses damage and impacts on churches and church life. For more info, visit disaster@elca.org.

Your gifts will support earthquake survivors. Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquake in Haiti. Make checks payable to: Lutheran Disaster Response. Write "Haiti Crisis" on your check's memo line and send to:

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