

## Vasa Lutheran Church

### *"Too Blessed to Be Stressed"*

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June 11, 2023

**ANNOUNCING THE DAY:** Today's Bumper Sticker is: "Too blessed to be stressed." The folly is to think that people of faith cannot endure stress, or anxiety, or be vulnerable. The main idea is that the Beatitudes turn the world right side up and announce those that are truly blessed by God are not who the world believes is blessed.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have hurt our community.**  
**We have squandered your blessings.**  
**We have hoarded your bounty.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have failed to be honest.**  
**We have lacked the courage to speak.**  
**We have spoken falsely.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

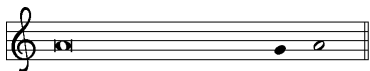
God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy:  
you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of † Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**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.**

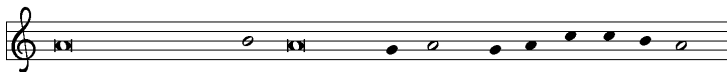
**KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



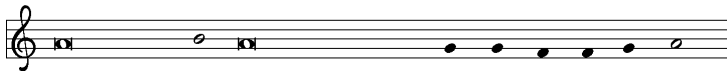
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.    Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.    A - - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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:** Holy God, **you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Matthew 5: 1-12** When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said: 3 "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule. 4 "You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you. 5 "You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought. 6 "You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat. 7 "You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for. 8 "You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world. 9 "You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family. 10 "You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom. 11-12 "Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**OH JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED**

**ELW 810**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE**

**ELW 712**

**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.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE OF GOD**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us share this peace with the people around us.

### **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**SENDING HYMN**

**GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN**

**ELW 536**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

L: The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed

‡ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PARISH PULSE:

**May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 4 2023**

Participating in Worship: **44**

+10 live-streams

Total Offerings: \$385.00

### Worship Assistants Today:

**Usher:** Duane Hanson

**Reader:** Geri Lindholm

**Hospitality:** Lora Gruber

### Worship Assistants Next Week (06/18/2023)

**Usher:** Marv Fredrickson

**Reader:** Volunteer Needed

**Hospitality:** Audrey Rosener

**Comm/ Asst.:** *volunteer  
needed*

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.



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

### MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

#### **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God, Almighty**

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

#### **O Jesus, I Have Promised**

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

#### **Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

Text © 1961 Oxford University Press

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Augsburg Fortress

#### **God Be With You Till We Meet Again**

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

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The new Bible Study for women had their first meeting on June 7 with 12 women participating! The next meeting will be on June 21, from 9:30-11:00, at Faye Drewianka's house (30722 Hwy 19 Blvd Red Wing.). Women of all ages and stages are welcome!

Questions? Contact Mo Hauck at [mhauck07@gmail.com](mailto:mhauck07@gmail.com) or call 651-331-8593. Hope to see you there!

## *faith* family friends

**PLAY  
BALL!**



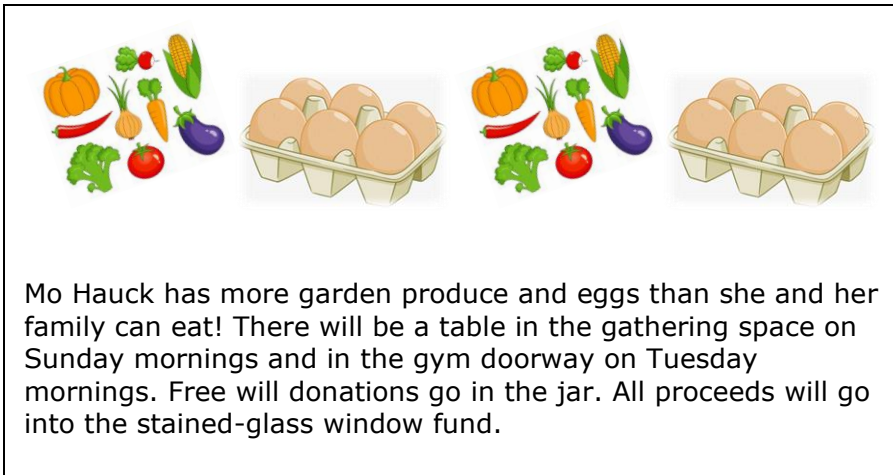
### **Vasa's Summer Softball Schedule**

Thursday, 6/15: St. Joe's 6:30  
Thursday 6/22: St. Johns 6:30  
Thursday 6/29: St. Paul's 8:30  
Thursday 7/13 Covenant 6:30  
Thursday 7/20 Cross of Christ 7:30  
Thursday 7/27 Covenant 7:30

**All games are at AP Anderson,  
Red Wing**



The Vasa – Spring Garden Midsommar Tractor Parade will be Sunday, June 25th. Egg breakfasts with all the trimmings will be served in the gym from 9:30-10:30. Proceeds from the breakfast will go toward the youth trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July of 2024. Worship will be at 10:30 outside of the Lutheran Center on the east lawn. The tractor parade begins at 11:30 with a blessing of the tractors as they motor their way to Spring Garden Lutheran.



Mo Hauck has more garden produce and eggs than she and her family can eat! There will be a table in the gathering space on Sunday mornings and in the gym doorway on Tuesday mornings. Free will donations go in the jar. All proceeds will go into the stained-glass window fund.