

Vasa Lutheran Church

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Tim Seitz

Accompanist Anne Anderson

Sunday, October 25, 2026

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people,

following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN EVERY AGE

ELW 729

V1

The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

V2

Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.

V3

Then let the servant church
arise, a caring church that longs
to be a partner in Christ's
sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's
humanity.

V4

For he alone, whose blood was
shed, can cure the fever in our
blood, and teach us how to share
our bread and feed the starving
multitude.

V5

We have no mission but to
serve in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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

Come and Fill Our Hearts



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!



V2 Come and fill our hearts with your grace....

V3 Come and fill our hearts with your love...

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. **By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22: 34-46

When the Pharisees heard that, [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son, is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'?"

"If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN: TO BE YOUR PRESENCE

ELW 546

V1

To be your presence is our mission
here, to show compassion's face and
list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy
ever near, alleluia!

V2

To be your presence is our mission
bold, to feed the poor and shelter
homeless cold, to be your hands of justice,
right uphold, alleluia!

V3

To be your presence is our
mission blest, to speak for all
the broken and oppressed, to be
your voice of hope, your love
expressed, alleluia!

V4

We are your heart, O Christ,
your hands and voice, to serve
your people is our call and
choice, and in this mission we,
the church, rejoice, alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

ELW 631

V1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

V2

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

V3

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always
blessing, serve thee as thy host
above, pray, and praise thee
without ceasing, glory in thy
perfect love.

V4

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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,
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: Hear us, O God Please respond with: **Your mercy is great**

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.**

V1

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

V2

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

V3

Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

V4

God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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.

Altar Flowers given today:
By ***Duane and Marilyn Hanson***

Kathy Tilderquist has tickets for the quilt drawing to support Feed My Starving Children. \$5 for 1 ticket, \$10 for 3 and \$20 for 7. Please see her after church if you want a chance to win a beautiful quilt made by Val Haggstrom.

Parish Pulse:
October 18th
Participating in Worship:
38 + 45 Live Streams
Total Offerings:
\$7595



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

Worship Assistants Today
October 25th

Musician: Anne Anderson
Usher: Rick Samuelson
Lector: Mo Hauck
Hospitality: Audrey Rosener

Worship Assistants Next Week
November 1st

Musician: Anne Anderson
Usher:
Lector:
Hospitality: Lora Gruber
Communion Asst: BJ Norman

****November 15th- Temple talk**
following service. Presentation
of MSP, Search for new pastor.

MUSIC FOR OCTOBER 25, 2026
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN EVERY AGE

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LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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