

Vasa Lutheran Church

Faith as a Way of Life

Pastor Maureen Hagen Accompanist – Anne Anderson

Sunday, November 27, 2022

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: The first Sunday of Advent

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.

You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.

You show up in our lives at unexpected times.

Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.

We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Amen.

HYMN RESPONSE: LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH ELW 240

We will sing verse 1.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. **Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,

and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

and set us again on your way of love,

that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,

and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God,

a new thing is growing in our midst,

a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

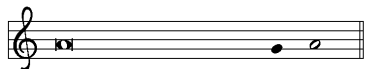
You have put on † Christ,

and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

GREETING

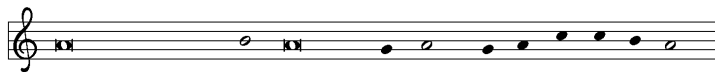
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

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.



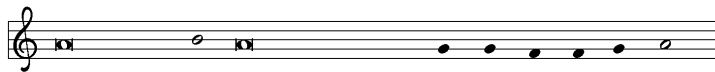
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: Faithful God, **you proved your faithfulness to your people when they cried out to you in distress. Be present in our distress, and show us how to be faithful to you in the midst of suffering. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Selected verses from the prophet Habakkuk

Habakkuk 1:1-6 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. 2 O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? 3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. 4 So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted. 5 Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. 6 For I am rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own.

Habakkuk 2:1-4 I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. 2 Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. 3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. 4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Habakkuk 3:3-6 His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. 4 The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand, where his power lay hidden. 5 Before him went pestilence, and plague followed close behind. 6 He stopped and shook the earth; he looked and made the nations tremble. The eternal mountains were shattered; along his ancient pathways the everlasting hills sank low.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails, and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation. 19 GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights. To the leader: with stringed instruments.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

O GOD OF EVERY NATION

ELW 713

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE ELW 712

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words, "Lord, in your mercy,"
Please respond with "**hear our prayer.**"

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.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

SENDING HYMN:

ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL

ELW 266

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them
good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of
hope,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, be a blessing to the
world.

C: Thanks be to God.



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Carpenter, Jessie Otto, Paul
Mikaelsen.**

Music for Sunday, November 27, 2022

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

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Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr.
Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

Music: Swedish folk tune

O God Of Every Nation

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All Earth is Hopeful

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Worship Assistants Today

Usher:

Reader: **Marilyn Hanson**

Hospitality:

Worship Assistants Next Week(12/04)

Usher: **Duane Hanson**

Reader: **Mo Hauck**

Hospitality: **Audrey Rosener**

Communion Assts: **Geri Lindholm**

Parish Pulse:

November 20, 2022

Participating in Worship: **46**

+ **14** concurrent live-
streams

Total Offerings: \$1,530.00

AT VASA THIS WEEK:

- ❖ **Tuesday, November 29**
 - 9:30 Coffee & Conversation
- ❖ **Wednesday, November 30**
 - 5:30 Faith Formation (Christmas Program Rehearsal)
 - Wednesday Evening Worship + Everyday Bible Conversation
- ❖ **Sunday, December 4**
 - 9:00 Second Advent – Service of Holy Communion (+ Sunday School @ LC)
 - Poinsettia Orders due



The 2022 Children's Christmas Program will be on **Sunday, December 18, at 10:30AM** at the Lutheran Center. The **Dress Rehearsal** will be that same day, beginning at **8:30AM**.

*Program practices are being held during Sunday School December 4 & 11. **If you can't make it on Sundays, they will also be held during Faith Formation on Wednesdays: November 30, December 7 & 14 at 5:30pm.***

(Please Note: There will be no practice today, November 27.)

Following the program, there will be a meal. Vasa will supply the main Dish. Families with last names A-K are asked to bring a salad. Families with last names L-Z are asked to bring a dessert.



Purchase a *Poinsettia* Time to put in your order(s) for the Christmas Poinsettia Garden! Forms are at the back of the church in the gathering space. Orders are due December 4.

THE GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT is underway! Please help yourself to the gift tags that are on the Christmas tree at the back of the church. Please return those gifts and cards to the marked basket in the Lutheran Center or up at church by no later than Wed., Dec. 15th

VERY IMPORTANT: Please tape the original gift tag back onto gift or card so that we can match it easily with the family. Many, many thanks!

Parish Life Committee

Bells of the Bluffs
Handbell Ensemble

*We Need a Little
Christmas*

Saturday, December 3, 2022
3:00 PM
St. Angaars Lutheran Church
7459 MN-19, Cannon Falls, MN

Free Will Offering at both events

Sunday, December 4, 2022
4:00 PM
First Lutheran Church
515 W 5th Street, Red Wing, MN
Silent Auction in Red Wing



The last day to have your photo taken for the updated Vasa Church Picture directory by our resident photographer, Mark Hagen, will be Sunday, December 11. If you cannot make it to church to have your photo taken, you may email a photo to the church office (JPEG format only, please.)