

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Bartimaeus Healed*

Pastor Maureen Hagen    Accompanist – Anne Anderson

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

## **ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Psalm 34: 11-14**

L: Come, O children, listen to me;

**C: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

L: Which of you desires life,

**C: and covets many days to enjoy good?**

L: Keep your tongue from evil,

**C: and your lips from speaking deceit.**

L: Depart from evil, and do good;

**C: seek peace, and pursue it.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

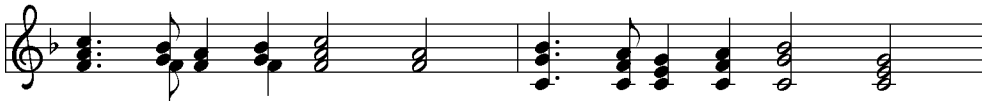
**Amen.**

**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**

Lord, Have Mercy



1, 3	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
2	Chris - te	e - lei - son.	Chris - te	e - lei - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . .	have mer - cy.	Lord, . . . .	have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . .	have mer - cy.	Christ, . . . .	have mer - cy.



	Ky - ri - e	e - le	-	i - son.
	Chris - te	e - le	-	i - son.
	Lord, . . .	have mer	-	cy.
	Christ, . . .	have mer	-	cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Lord Jesus, **it was hard for your disciples to hear that they would have to suffer in order to follow you. Give us faith and courage to follow you when following is painful or frightening. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:32-52** They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33 saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; 34 they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They replied,

"We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." 52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE**

**ELW 775**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND**

**ELW 773**

**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**

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

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us share the peace with one another.

### **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**HYMN**

**JESUS SHALL REIGN**

**ELW 434**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING and DISMISSAL**

L: Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**



Paul Mikaelson, Jay Mikaelson, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Anne Rathman, Wendy Anderson, Geri Lindholm, and Dale Anderson.

Parish Pulse:

**Feb. 14 & 18**

Participating in Worship: 100

+18 **live-streams**

Total Offerings:

**\$5,680.00**

**Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** Roger Guttromson

**Reader:** Roger Guttromson

**Hospitality:** Gail Strusz-Klein

**Worship Assistants Next Week  
(March 3)**

**Usher:** *volunteer needed*

**Reader:** Sid Featherstone

**Hospitality:** Sue Ness

**Comm. Asst:** Mike Bauch

LOCAL FOOD SHELVES TO  
RECEIVE LENTEN OFFERINGS



**Lenten Offerings:**

March is a "food shelf" month. Vasa will gather Lenten offerings and send them to the Red Wing and Cannon Falls food shelves at the end of March. Here is how you can participate:

- Write a check to Vasa and put the words "food shelf" in the memo line
- Place money in one of the Lenten offering envelopes in your box and get it to the church/church office. All loose monetary offerings will go to the food shelves.

**Wednesday Lenten Worship continues at the church sanctuary at 7:00. This week our Lenten monologue will feature Mary Magdalene and will be read by Barbara Weigman. We are singing the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy and serving communion.**

## MUSIC FOR FEB. 18, 2024

### **LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW**

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598-1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: Cationale Germanicum, Gochsheim, 1628

### **WE ARE CALLED**

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### **OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

### **THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

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