

Vasa Lutheran Church

Peter's Restoration

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Sunday, April 26, 2026

OPENING WORDS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us waters like Belle Creek, the Cannon
River and the Mississippi River.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

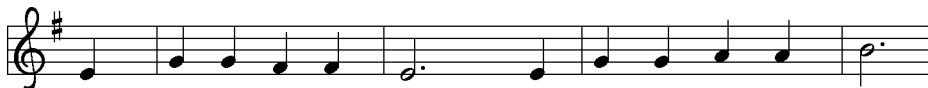
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE & SING ELW 385

GREETING: Grace to you and peace from our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
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: God of restoration, **your Son Jesus recognized the uncertainty of Peter after his denial. Restore us as you restored him so that we might care for your sheep and follow your example of love and forgiveness. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING: John 21:15-25

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

20 Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" 21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" 22 Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" 23 So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

24 This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. 25 But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

O CHRIST, OUR HOPE

ELW 604

SERMON

HYMN

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

ELW 608

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: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

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.**

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

SENDING HYMN

LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

ELW 808

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Wendy Anderson, Jay
Mikaelsen, Scott
Sorenson, Lorrie
Samuelson, Lynda
Rosener Sack, Terri
Fredin, Terri
Mandelkow, Connor
Michalicek (Rosann
Pearson's grandson),
Eileen Anderson, Jake
Jacobson

Parish Pulse:

April 19

Participating in Worship: 45

+ 53 Live Streams

Total Offerings:

April 19

\$1,235

Worship Assistants Today

April 26

Usher: Rick Samuelson

Lector: Sasha Diercks

Hospitality: Audrey Rosener

Worship Assistants Next Week

May 3

Usher: *Volunteer Needed*

Lector: Jeannette Anderson

Hospitality: Ben Norman

Communion Asst.: Teresa Schmidt



2026 Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention and Gathering Information

**Triennial Convention (Business meeting)
via Zoom July 13 - 14, 2026**

**Triennial Gathering - Des Moines, Iowa
July 16 - 19, 2026**



Theme: "I am Worthy"

Bible Verse: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Psalm 139:14

We invite you to join with our ministry as we seek to nourish women's faith and love and to inspire women to proclaim their identity, intent, and action.

This proclamation reminds us of God's promise to always be with us, even during times of devastation and division. Repeating the phrase "I am worthy" helps us recognize the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in our lives. This practice of self-affirmation creates opportunities for healing and repair within ourselves, the church, society, and the world. When we declare, "I am worthy," we align ourselves with God's promises. There is great power in our resolve.

Please use www.womenoftheelca.org website to find more information under EVENTS and scroll down to Triennial Convention and Triennial Gathering with dates.



Join us for a
Retirement Celebration

In honor of

Pastor Maureen

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

5:30-7 pm

Potluck—please bring a salad, fruit, or a dessert

You might want a chair to sit outside after dinner

A basket for cards will be provided. If you still want to donate to the congregation gift, put your donation into an envelope and label it “Pastor Gift”. It can be put in the church offering plate or mailed to the church office.



Registration is open for summer programs at Good Earth Village. To find out more about the many options for children and youth visit:
goodearthvillage.org/summer-programs

An experience at Bible Camp is transformative in the faith life of your child. Vasa Congregation typically provides financial support to member families who send their kids to camp. Contact the office for more details.

MUSIC FOR APRIL 26, 2026

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE, AND SING

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O CHRIST, OUR HOPE

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-1876, adapt.
Music: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
Music: Will L. Thompson

LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

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