Vasa Lutheran Church

24th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Tim Seitz Accompanist Nick Kees

Sunday, November 8th, 2026

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
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 have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING ELW 689

V1

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we
would offer for all things living, you
have made good: harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown
fields, blossom and wood.

V2

God, bless the labor we bring
to serve you, that with our neighbor
we may be fed. Sowing or tilling,
we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

V3

Father, providing food for your
children, by Wisdom's guiding
teach us to share one with
another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know
your care.

V4
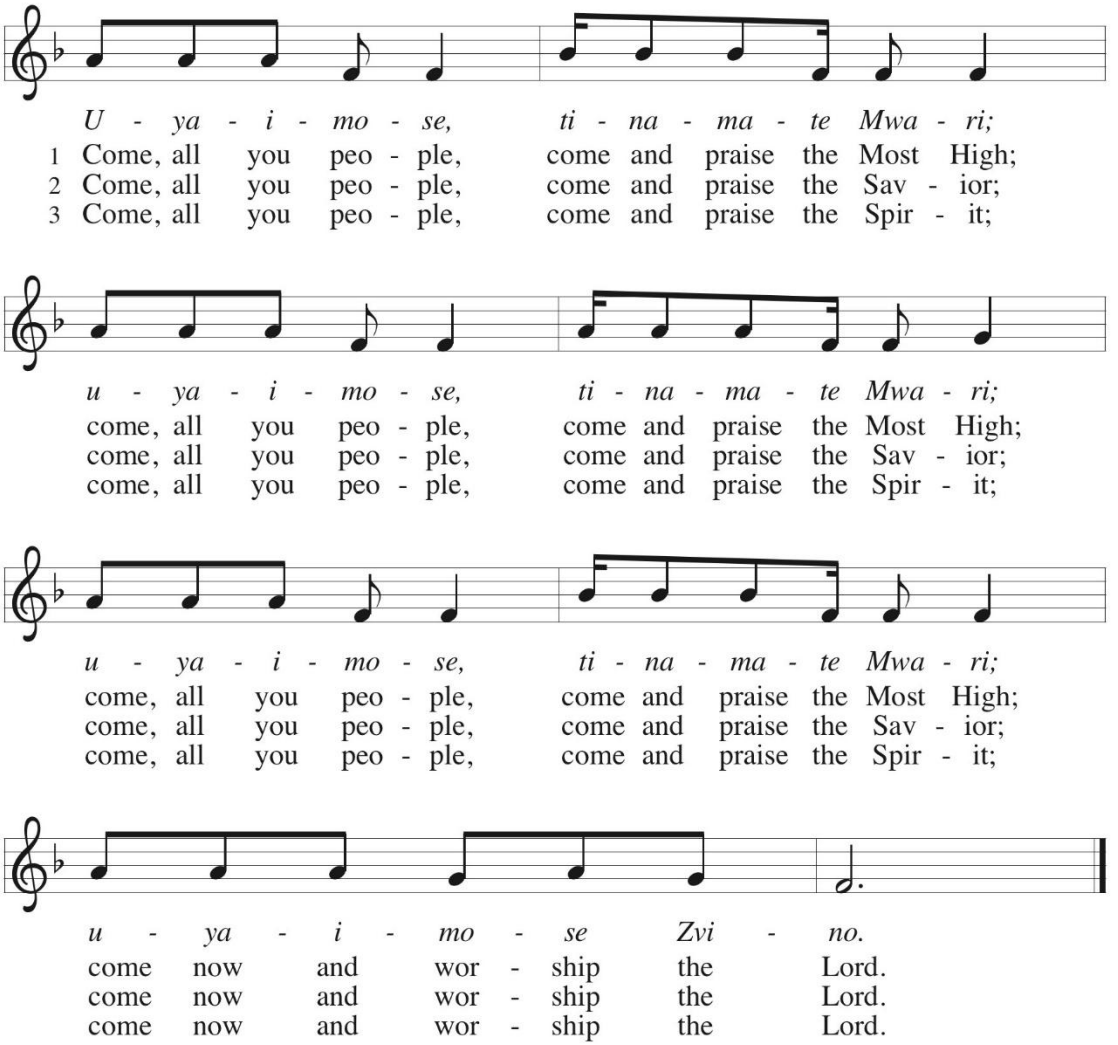
Then will your blessing reach
people, freely confessing your
gracious hand. Where you are
reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the
land.

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, All You People

Uyaimose



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PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God of justice and love, **you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
you are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25: 1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

L: Word of God, word of life | **C: Thanks be to God.**
CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME ELW 414

V1
Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

V2
Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

V3
Lo, the apostolic train
join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow; and
from morn to set of sun through the
church the song goes on.

V4
Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY BLESSED ASSURANCE ELW 638

V1
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood

REFRAIN:
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

V2
Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
Refrain

V3
Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
Refrain

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: God, in your mercy. Please respond with **Hear our prayer**

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.

SENDING HYMN LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING ELW 545

V1
Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.

V2
Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

V3
Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day

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.

Parish Pulse:
November 1st
Participating in Worship:
43+ 81 Live Streams
Total Offerings:
$12,915

Altar Flowers given today:

By ***Tim and Melanie Carlson in memory of Marilyn Carlson. John Gardiner in Honor of Wallace and Sarah & Wally and Carolyn Gardiners Anniversaries***

Temple talk is November 15th following service. Presentation of MSP, search for new pastor.

Worship Assistants Today
November 8th
Musician: Nick Kees
Usher: Bruce Tilderquist
Lector: Kathy Tilderquist
Hospitality: Sue Hedeen

Worship Assistants Next Week
November 15th
Musician: Anne Anderson
Usher: Kevin Eckblad
Lector: Jeanette anderson
Hospitality: Sue Ness
Communion Asst:



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

MUSIC FOR OCTOBER 25, 2026

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING
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BLESSED ASSURANCE
Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING
Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

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