

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Debt Forgiveness and Fair Wages*

Leading Worship: Bill Peterson

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, July 31, 2022**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves**

**and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**AWAKE, MY SOUL, AND WITH THE SUN**

**ELW 557**

### **GREETING**

L: 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**

**ELW 151**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**PRAISE THE LORD! O HEAVENS**

**ELW 823**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of abundance, **you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings: our table is richly furnished, our cup overflows, and we live in safety and security. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 15:1-11**

Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. 2 And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it of a neighbor who is a member of the community, because the LORD's remission has been proclaimed. 3 Of a foreigner you may exact it, but you must remit your claim on whatever any member of your community owes you. 4 There will, however, be no one in need among you, because the LORD is sure to bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, 5 if only you will obey the LORD your God by diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today. 6 When the LORD your God has blessed you, as he promised you, you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you. 7 If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. 8 You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. 9 Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt. 10 Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. 11 Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

**Deuteronomy 24:10-15** When you make your neighbor a loan of any kind, you shall not go into the house to take the pledge. 11 You shall wait outside, while the person to whom you are making the loan brings the pledge out to you. 12 If the person is poor, you shall not sleep in the garment given you as the pledge. 13 You shall give the pledge back by sunset, so that your neighbor may sleep in the cloak and bless you; and it will be to your credit before the LORD your God. 14 You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy laborers, whether other Israelites or aliens who reside in your land in one of your towns. 15 You shall pay them their wages daily before sunset, because they are poor and their livelihood depends on them; otherwise they might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt.

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**

**LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE**

**ELW 710**

**CONFESSION 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.**

**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.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL**

**ELW 883**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

The God of peace,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Mike Carlson,  
and Paul and Jay Mikaelson (in Bolivia).**

### **Music for Sunday, July 31, 2022**

#### ***Awake My Soul and With the Sun***

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

#### ***O God of Every Nation***

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#### ***Let Streams of Living Justice***

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#### ***All People That On Earth Do Dwell***

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

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### **Worship Assistants Today:**

Usher/Hospitality: Bruce Tilderquist

Reader: Ben Norman

### **Worship Assistants next week (Aug. 7)**

Usher/Hospitality: Kent V. & Deb D.

Reader: B-J Norman

Parish Pulse:

**July 24 & 27, 2022**

Participating in Worship: 48

+8 concurrent live-streams

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