

Vasa Lutheran Church

A Sunday for Giving Thanks

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, November 24, 2024

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Vasa Lutheran Church wishes to acknowledge and honor the Bdewakantunwan (Mdewakanton) Band of Eastern Dakota Oyate (people) who were the first to gather, pray, dance, and sing on this land. We want to lift up the importance and necessity of acknowledging the land and the original peoples whose stories are rooted in this place. May we honor them not just with these words, but with actions that work for justice; leading to the peace and wholeness of all peoples. *This acknowledgement originated with Bishop Felix Malpica of the La Crosse area synod of the ELCA.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips,

but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

HYMN

MANY AND GREAT, O GOD

ELW 837

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, **whose fondness for humanity knows no limit, write your word upon our hearts, so that we need no scroll, no book, no script to know that you love us. Show us the power of your covenant, that you will be faithful to us, even when we fail to remain faithful to you. For the beauty of your word inscribed upon us, we pray, in the name of the one whose body and blood became your new covenant with us, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING READINGS and HYMNS:

MARTIN LUTHER'S EXPLANATION TO THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLE'S CREED

The First Article: On Creation

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

What is this? or What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties.

In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property; along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

PSALM 118: 19-24, 28-29

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

C: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

L: This is the gate of the LORD;

C: the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the LORD's doing;

C: it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the LORD has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

C: you are my God, I will extol you.

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

READING: from *Ladder to the Light: An Indigenous Elder's Meditation on Hope and Courage* by Bishop Steven Charleston, retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska.

HYMN: **FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH** **ELW 879**
We will sing verses 1, 2, and 4.

READING: Wendell Berry, Untitled poem from his collection *Leavings*

READING: Carrie Newcomer, portions of the poem *Three Gratuities*

HYMN: **COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME** **ELW 693**

SCRIPTURE READING: Selected portions of Jeremiah 36 and 31

Jeremiah 36 In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. 3 It may be that when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the LORD that he had spoken to him. 5 And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, "I am prevented from entering the house of the LORD; 6 so you go yourself, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the LORD's house you shall read the words of the LORD from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns. 7 It may be that their plea will come before the LORD, and that all of them will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people." 8 And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

21 Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary; and Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. 22 Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment (it was the ninth month), and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him. 23 As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.

27 Now, after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah's dictation, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: 28 Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN ALL CREATURES, WORSHIP GOD MOST HIGH ELW 835

We will sing verses 1, 4, 6.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING ELW 880

We will sing verses 1 and 3.

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 always.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share God's peace with one another.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

SENDING HYMN:

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

ELW 840

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.



Paul Mikaelson, Jay Mikaelson, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Anne Rathman, Dale Anderson, Lorrie Samuelson, Rosann Pearson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Arleen Stahnke, Connie Gillis, Jim Hedeem, Carolyn Lindstrom, Merle Pearson, Amber Nelson, Yvonne Belin, and Sarah Jacobson Parker.

Parish Pulse:

November 17

Participating in Worship: 126

+ 21 Live Stream

Total Offerings:

\$2,850.00



Quilts for Grads

WILL NOT MEET AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY.

Nov. 30 9:30am

Tree Fluffing - Sanctuary

Dec. 1 9am

Christmas Program Rehearsal

Dec. 4 9:30-11:00

Ages and Stages Bible Study

Dec. 5

Poinsettia Orders Due by noon

Dec. 8 9am

Christmas Program rehearsal

Dec. 8 3pm

Advent Celebration

Dec. 11 5:30-7pm

Vasa Family Fun Night

Dec. 15 10am

Children's Christmas Program

(Final Rehearsal at 9am)

Dec. 18 9:30-11:00

Ages and Stages Bible Study and
Christmas Party (Bring wrapped
"white elephant gift!")

Dec. 24th 2:00pm & 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Worship

****No Sunday School Dec. 22nd or 29th**

MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2024

MANY AND GREAT, O GOD

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FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

ALL CREATURES WORSHIP GOD MOST HIGH

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composite

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

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NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

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Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Rick Samuelson

Reader: Mo Hauck

Hospitality: Mo Hauck

**Worship Assistants Next Week
(December 1)**

Usher: Duane Hanson

Reader: Melanie Carlson

Hospitality: Audrey Rosener

Comm. Asst: Tim Carlson

The Community Church Interaction Council (CCIC) and the Cannon Valley Senior Center invite you to share a Thanksgiving Meal at St. Pius V Catholic Church in Cannon Falls.

When: Thursday, November 28th

Time: 11:30 – 1:00pm

Cost: FREE!!

Weber / St John

A Lutheran Hymn Experience

Sunday, November 24th, 1:30pm

**Spring Garden Lutheran Church
10239 County 1 Blvd, Cannon Falls, MN 55009**

TODAY!!



Weber St John was born from an unexpected Craigslist connection between musician and composer Kurt Weber, inspired by his time overseas in the US Army, and Ash St John, a classically trained violinist. Since their first meeting in 2020, they've bonded over a shared love of music and their faith in Jesus. Specializing in hymn arrangements, they see their music as a way to serve Jesus and bring joy to others, it is their joy to share their gift whenever and wherever they can.



We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in faith,
Serving others, and
Welcoming and loving all!