

Vasa Lutheran Church

Jacob's Dream

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, September 21, 2025

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Last week we heard about Abraham and Isaac. When Isaac grew up, he married Rebekah, and they became the parents of twins Esau and Jacob. Even in the womb, they wrestled and made Rebekah's life miserable. When she prayed about it, God told her that she was giving birth to two nations, and that the younger would take precedence over the older. Throughout their lives, Jacob and Esau struggled with each other -- Esau was their father's favorite, and Jacob was their mother's favorite. Once Esau came in from hunting to find Jacob cooking lentil stew, and he was so hungry that he traded his birthright for a bowl of the red soup. We pick up the story today near the end of their father Isaac's life, when he is thinking of his legacy and how his sons will carry on when he is gone.

GATHERING HYMN

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

ELW 408

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

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.**

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain

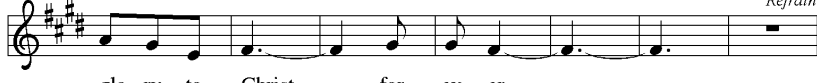


freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



Refrain



God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Loving God, **Like Jacob, who dreamed of your promises, you have filled us with dreams, too. Show us your promises in our dreams, and give us ability to follow our dreams. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING Selected readings from Genesis 27 and 28

Genesis 27:1-4 When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." 2 He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. 3 Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. 4 Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

Genesis 27:15-23 Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; 16 and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. 17 Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob. 18 So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" 19 Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." 20 But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." 21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." 22 So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." 23 He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

Genesis 28:10-17 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; 14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. 15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." 16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place-- and I did not know it!" 17 And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE and PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

- Kodee Lindahl, daughter of Dustin and Katie
- Samuel Gesme, son of Mark and Amber
- Boedy Sense, son of Montana and Amanda
- Tegan Nelson, daughter of Amber
- Emmett Poole, son of Mason and Laurie

HYMN:

BLESSING AND HONOR

ELW 854

SERMON

HYMN

SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART

ELW 800

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: Hear us,
O God. Please respond with: **Your mercy is great.**

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

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,

saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
Amen.

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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION: *Communion will be received by intinction. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. You don't need to be a member of Vasa Lutheran, nor do you need to be a Lutheran. We believe that Jesus is the host of the meal and that Jesus invites all to participate. The bread is gluten free. Alcohol free wine is available for those who have dietary restrictions.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

ELW 325

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.



Jay Mikaelson, Scott Sorenson, Lorrie Samuelson, Dale Anderson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Merle Pearson, Rita Pearson, Terri Fredin, Terri Mandelkow, Jake Jacobson, Max Tilderquist, Connor Mikolichuk (Rosann Pearson's grandson), and Roger Guttromson.

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Randy Klein

Reader: Sid Featherstone

Hospitality: Mo Hauck

Communion Asst: Geri Lindholm

Worship Assistants Next Week

Sept 28

Usher: Rick Samuelson

Reader: Marcia Featherstone

Hospitality: Audrey Rosener

Parish Pulse:

September 14

Participating in Worship: **50**

+ **10** Live Streams

Total Offerings:

September 14 : **\$2,245.00**

MUSIC FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING

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Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

BLESSING AND HONOR

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt.

Music: Matthias Keller, 1813-1875

SPIRIT OF GOD DESCEND UPON MY HEART

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

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version

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Just a reminder that **Ages and Stages Women's Bible study** has **been rescheduled to NEXT week**, September 24, 2025. 9:30AM, in the Fellowship Room at the Lutheran Center.



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friends