

## Vasa Lutheran Church

*“Don’t Put a Question Mark  
Where God Put a Period”*

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August 27, 2023

**ANNOUNCING THE DAY:** Today’s Bumper Sticker is: “Don’t put a question mark where God put a period. The folly is that this implies that we are not allowed to question God. Job exemplifies a good questioning of God’s activity in his life....ruined. Certainly we are allowed to invite God to show up and give answer to these questions. A faith without doubt is a dead faith.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.  
We have hurt our community.  
We have squandered your blessings.  
We have hoarded your bounty.  
In the name of Jesus,  
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.  
We have failed to be honest.  
We have lacked the courage to speak.  
We have spoken falsely.  
In the name of Jesus,  
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God’s mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of † Jesus Christ.

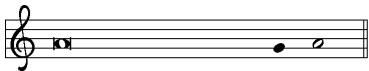
**Amen.**

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.

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



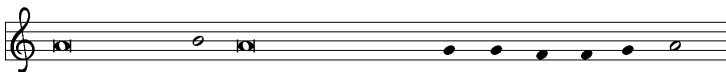
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

L: Eternal light,

**C: Shine in our hearts.**

L: Eternal wisdom,

**C: scatter the darkness of our ignorance.**

L: Eternal compassion,

**C: have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 34:1-8**

L: I will bless the LORD at all times;

**C: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

L: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**C: let the humble hear and be glad.**

L: O magnify the LORD with me,

**C: and let us exalt his name together.**

L: I sought the LORD, and he answered me,

**C: and delivered me from all my fears.**

L: Look to him, and be radiant;

**C: so your faces shall never be ashamed.**

L: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,

**C: and was saved from every trouble.**

L: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

**C: and delivers them.**

L: O taste and see that the LORD is good;

**C: happy are those who take refuge in him.**

**Job 42:1-6** Then Job answered the LORD: 2 "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 4 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' 5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; 6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS**

**ELW 803**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA**

**ELW 592**

**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 OF GOD**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us share this peace with the people around us.

### **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**SENDING HYMN**

**BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS**

**ELW 656**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

L: The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### PARISH PULSE:

**August 20, 2023**

Participating in Worship:

**50**

+9 live-streams

Total Offerings:

\$2,660.00



**Eileen Anderson,  
Irene Carpenter, Deloris  
Clemens, Paul Mikaelson,  
Scott Sorenson, Max  
Tilderquist, Dan Hedeem,  
Rodney Nelson, Anne  
Rathman and Einar  
Norman.**

### Music for Sunday, August 27, 2023

#### **O Christ Our Hope**

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John  
Chandler, 1806-1876, adapt.

Music: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561

#### **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

#### **Just As I Am Without One Plea**

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

#### **Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: Johann G. Nægeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

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#### Worship Assistants Today:

**Usher:** Bruce Tilderquist

**Reader:** Kathy Tilderquist

**Hospitality:** Mo Hauck

#### Worship Assistants Next Week (Sept. 3, 2023)

**Usher:** Duane Hanson

**Reader:** Roger Guttromson

**Hospitality:** Marilyn Hanson

**Comm. Asst:** Mo Hauck



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT WANGEN PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church is holding an ice cream social **TODAY (!)** Sunday, August 27. Music starts at 2 pm. Sharing their talent will be the Cannon Valley Ensemble. Ice cream and treats served right after. This is a free family event. There will be free will offering for helping local families. Historic school house will be open for viewing.

Also, Wangen Prairie is holding a free coat/jacket giveaway on Sept 30, and needs donations of new or gently used coats, jackets, mittens, scarves, and hats. If anyone has anything which they would like to donate, please contact Kathy Tilderquist.



The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, and by the east door. They were moved there when we resumed in-person worship after the pandemic. They are there to receive your offering as you enter the sanctuary. Electronic giving is also available.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday School for pre-k through grade 6 begins Sunday September 10!

The Sunday School year will begin with the presentation of bibles to Vasa's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at the beginning of the worship service. Join us!!



ROMANS 8:16



Vasa Mission Statement  
We, the Vasa Congregation,  
Called by God, commit to:  
Worshipping together,  
Growing in Faith,  
Serving Others, and  
Welcoming and loving all!