

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Building on a Firm Foundation*

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**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

## **ANNOUNCING THE DAY** Psalm 37:16-18

L: Better is a little that the righteous person has

**C: than the abundance of many wicked.**

L: For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,

**C: but the LORD upholds the righteous.**

L: The LORD knows the days of the blameless,

**C: and their heritage will abide forever.**

**OPENING SONG:    SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**WOV 783**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Holy One, source of our renewal,  
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN**

**ELW 786**

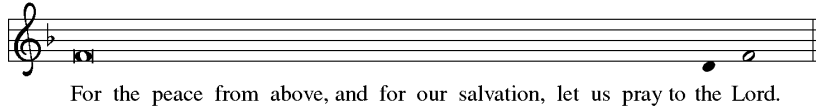
## GREETING

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.**

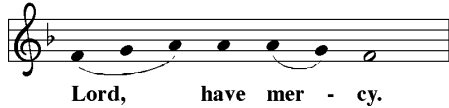
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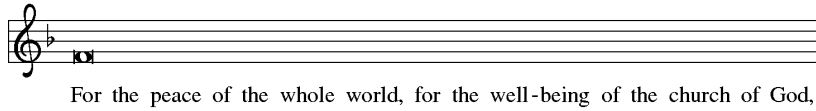
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



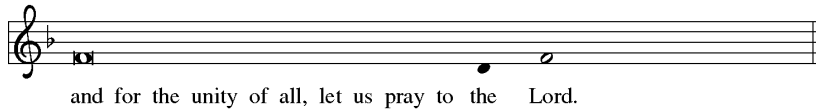
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



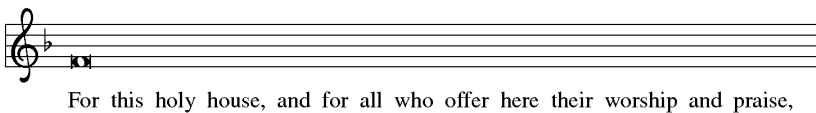
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



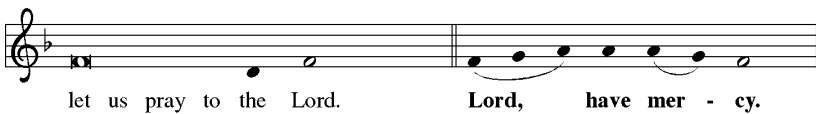
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



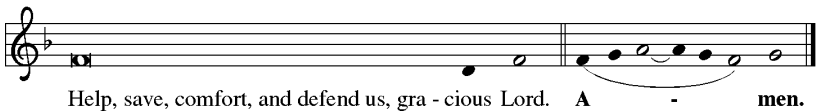
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



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

# HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, 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:** God of wisdom and groundedness, **you have encouraged us to live our lives grounded in faith, patience, and love. Help us to love others without judgment, but with a solid foundation of acceptance, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

**Matthew 7:1-14** "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. 2 For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. 3 Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

6 "Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

7 "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? 10 Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

12 "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. 13 "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. 14 For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

**Matthew 7:24-29** 24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell-- and great was its fall!"

28 Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, 29 for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE**

**ELW 519**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**

**ELW 742**

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition will end with the words, "Lord, in your mercy,"  
Please respond with "**hear our prayer.**"

## **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,

full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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** *We will receive communion kneeling at the railing. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children are welcome to join you and will receive a blessing.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN:**

**HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

**ELW 796**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, follow the way of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**Eileen Anderson, Irene Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul  
Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker, Scott Sorenson, Max  
Tilderquist**

#### **Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** volunteer needed

**Reader:** Jim Hedeem

**Communion Asst:** Kevin Eckblad

**Hospitality:** Marilyn Hanson

#### **Worship Assistants Next Week (2/12)**

**Usher:** Barry Skog

**Reader:** Sid Featherstone

**Hospitality:** volunteer needed

#### **THIS WEEK AT VASA...**

Monday, Feb 6:

- **5:00 pm Finance Mtg.**
- **6:00 pm Parish Life Mtg.**
- **6:30 pm Museum Mtg.**
- **7:00 pm Property Mtg**

Tuesday, Feb 7:

- **9:30am Coffee &  
Conversation**

Wednesday, Feb. 8:

- **5:30 pm Community  
Dinner**
- **5:30 -6:30 Faith  
Formation (including  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation  
5:45-6:45)**
- **6:45 Wednesday Evening  
Worship**

## Music for Sunday, February 5, 2023

### **O Holy Spirit, Enter In**

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606-1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.  
Music: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

### **Open Your Ears, O Faithful People**

Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version  
Music: Hasidic tune

### **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886  
Music: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

### **How Firm a Foundation**

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: Early American

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## PARISH PULSE:

**January 29, February 1**  
Participating in Worship:46  
+ 15 live-streams  
Total Offerings: \$2,750.00

### **Save the Dates:**

February 22—  
Ash Wednesday, 7 pm  
February 26—  
Annual Meeting, 10-10:15 am  
March 4—  
Museum Fund-Raiser Soup Lunch  
11-1, Reservations due by  
March 1, Noon  
April 20-21—  
Annual Church Rummage Sale

### **Check out Vasa's Facebook**

It will be updated on a regular basis now and has a new look!

## Thrivent Choice Dollars:

If you are a Thrivent member, you may have Thrivent Choice dollars to designate to a charity. Vasa would gladly take these dollars. You can choose where to send your dollars online at [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) or set up your donation by phone, at 1-800-847-4836. Check this month's Voice for detailed instructions.



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