

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Bread of Life

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Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, February 20, 2022

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Psalm 34:1-10

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.

L: O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,

C: for those who fear him have no want.

L: The young lions suffer want and hunger,

C: but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

who creates us,

redeems us,

and calls us by name.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born
among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:
 In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
 You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ,
 and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE ELW 522

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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.

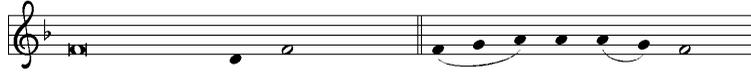
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

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

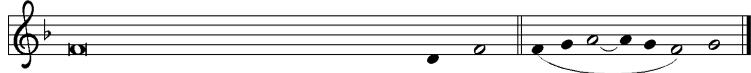
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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 sustenance, **Provide us with your living bread daily so that we might be brought to eternal life. Help us share your living bread with all who will receive it. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 6:35-59

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 38 for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." 41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and

GENEROSITY MOMENT:

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS:

*We will serve communion by intinction.
Individual pre-packaged portions are available
for those who prefer to remain seated.*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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:

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BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ be with you now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER We give you thanks, gracious God, **for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: HALLELUJAH! WE SING YOUR PRAISES ELW 535

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelson,
Jay Mikaelson, and Dan Hedeem.

Parish Pulse:
February 13, 2022
Participating in Worship: 36
+14 concurrent live-streams
+ 9 Sunday School and 8 Faith Formation
+ 7 Confirmation
+9 WEW Feb. 16, 2022
Total Offerings: \$1,695.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
Assisting Today:
Intergenerational volunteers
Assisting Next Week:
Usher: volunteer needed
Reader: Marcia Featherstone



Annual meeting: The annual meeting is next Sunday, Feb. 27th. Please plan to attend. A limited number of **Annual Reports** are available today in the back of the church. If you want a copy by mail or email, please let the church office know. If you want a copy and there are none left at the back of the church, contact Emily and she will get you one.



Meal for shut-ins: Scalloped potatoes and ham are on the menu next Wednesday as meals are delivered to a diverse list of people that we know would appreciate a home-cooked meal. These meals are provided at no charge. The primary purpose is to feed people and let them know that we care. But it also allows us to use donated food items that are not sufficient in amount to be used for the Community dinner. Know someone who needs a bit of support? See Sue Hedeem.



Vasa Museum Soup Luncheon: The museum soup luncheon is on March 5: Drive through only. Reserve your choice of soup by Wednesday, March 2.



Ash Wednesday Worship: Ash Wednesday worship will be held on March 2 at 7:00 here in the sanctuary. The service will include the imposition of ashes and holy communion. We will sing Holden Evening Prayer for our worship liturgy.

Lenten Worship: Our Lenten worship theme this year is the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. Each week we will explore these sayings of Jesus from the gospel of John and consider what meaning they have for our lives. Worship will be at 7:00 in the sanctuary and will include singing Holden Evening Prayer.



The Parish Life team would like to install a Little Free Food Pantry near the Lutheran Center. Drawings are available and expenses for supplies will be reimbursed. See Pastor Maureen if you are interested in helping with this project.



We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others,
Welcoming and Loving All.

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