

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Transfiguration

Pastor Maureen Hagen Accompanist – Anne Anderson

Sunday, February 19, 2023

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

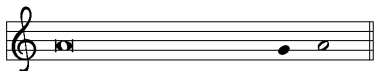
PRAISE AND THANKS AND ADORATION

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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.**

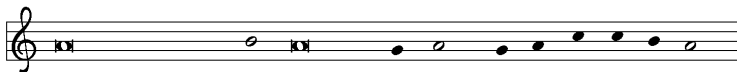
KYRIE:



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.



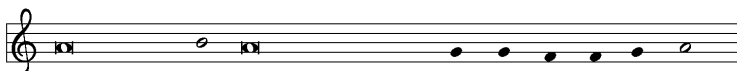
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Radiant God, **you revealed yourself in your son, Jesus, when he was transfigured on the mountain before his disciples. Reveal yourself to us daily, so that we might enlighten others with the good news of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE TEXTS:

2 Peter 1:16-21

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,21 because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 16:24 - 17:8

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." 1 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8 And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE ELW 490

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 by intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions.*

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: MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS ELW 597

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,
Connie Gillis, Einar Norman, Rita Pearson, and Ellie Gardiner.**

Worship Assistants Today:
Usher: Marv Fredrickson
Reader: Mo Hauck
Hospitality: Mo Hauck

**Worship Assistants Next Week
(2/26)**
Usher: Barry Skog
Reader: Katie Featherstone
Hospitality: Kent Donath

PARISH PULSE:
February 12 & 15
Participating in Worship: 41
+ 0 live-streams (no internet)
Total Offerings: \$7,263.29

**THE VASA MUSEUM
SOUP LUNCHEON
RESERVATION FORMS**
are available here in the
LC, and also online. You
can also email your
request, but remember to
specify which soup(s) you
would like.



February 22—Ash Wednesday

We mark the beginning of Lent with a worship service in the sanctuary at 7:00pm. The service will include the imposition of ashes as a sign of our repentance from sin, the singing of Holden Evening Prayer, and communion at the railing.

Lenten Services will continue each Wednesday during Lent at 7pm, with Holden Evening Prayer. The Scripture theme will be Jesus' radical vision of God's Kingdom as described in the Beatitudes found in Matthew:5.

February 26—Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 26th in the gym of the Lutheran Center. We will meet at 9:00 for worship with the meeting convening at about 9:45.

March 4—Museum Fund-Raiser Soup Lunch

11-1, Reservations due by
March 1, Noon

April 20-21—Annual Church Rummage Sale

ANNUAL REPORTS are available to review before the annual meeting next Sunday. If you would like a copy, let Emily know. There are some printed copies in the office, or she can email one to you.

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Almighty God your Word is Cast

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.

Music: J. Day, Psalter, 1562

Come Ye Thankful People Come

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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