

Vasa Lutheran Church

He is Risen! He is risen, indeed!

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, May 9, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water will be poured into the font as we give thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

WE WALK BY FAITH

ELW 635

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.

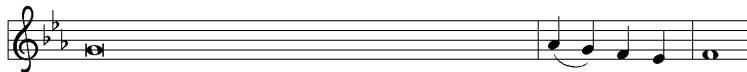
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



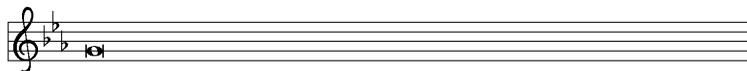
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



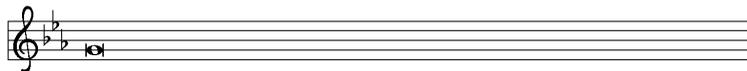
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord of justification, **With great joy we receive the gift of salvation which is ours not because of our own efforts, but because of the saving work of Christ. Grant us full access to the glory of your salvation, an abundance that is more than enough for all humankind, for the sake of our redeeming Christ. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Galatians 1:13-17 and 2:11-21

13 You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. 14 I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. 15 But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Galatians 2:11 - 21 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; 12 for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. 13 And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ *(Another translation says through the faith of Jesus Christ.)* And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. 17 But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; 20 and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

UNDIE SUNDAY COLLECTION AND MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

We pray for Mothers everywhere....

For mothers of young children that they may nurture
and raise their children to be good and faithful people in the world.

For mothers of older children that they may have the wisdom
to know when to help their children hang on to their roots
and when to spread their wings.

For mothers of grown children that they may feel satisfaction in a job well
done.

On this day we remember mothers of children in war-torn countries
mothers of children where disaster or famine has struck
and mothers who fear for their children's safety
that they may find food for their children
justice for their families
and peace for their souls.

We also lift up those for whom this day is painful
mothers whose children are missing
mothers whose children have died
mothers who have lost children to miscarriage
mothers who have had abortions
mothers who have lost custody of their children
and mothers whose children have disappointed them.

We pray for those who wish to have children but have none
that they may be filled by God.

We pray, too, for all motherless children
children whose mothers have abused or abandoned them
and for all those whose mothers have recently died.

For all the good experiences of motherhood, we thank and praise you Lord.
We lift up to you for healing all the painful experiences of motherhood.

Amen

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| HYMN: | BLESSED ASSURANCE | ELW 638 |
| SERMON | <u>SOLA FIDE—FAITH ALONE</u> | |
| HYMN | TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE | ELW 685 |

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.**

FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM:

What is true faith?

**It is not only a certain knowledge by which *I accept* as true all that
God has revealed *to us* in his Word, but also a wholehearted trust
which the Holy Spirit creates *in me* through the gospel, *that not only
to others, but to me also* God has given the forgiveness of sins,
everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of sheer grace solely for
the sake of Christ's saving work.**

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 (Using the melody written by Alfred Hay Malotte)

**Our Fa-ther, *which* art in heaven,
hal-low-ed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and for-give us our *debts*,
as we for-give our *debtors*.
and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion,
but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For thine is the king-dom,
and the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for-ev-er. A-men.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

SENDING HYMN: LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

ELW 774

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
L: Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson, Paul Mikaelson, Gloria Skog.

Parish Pulse:
May 2, 2021
Participating in Worship: All – In Spirit
(48 in-person + 11 WEW 5/5/21)
Total Offerings: \$6,160.00.

Assisting with Worship Today:

Usher: Jason Pagel
Reader: Jim Hedeem



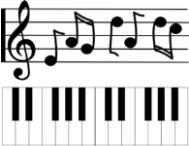
The May Community Dinner is on May 12. This will be the last one of the year!



Food Shelf Also at the MAY Community Dinner—we will be taking items for the Red Wing and Cannon Falls Food Shelves. Drop them off when you pick up your meals! Or—give them to your delivery driver!



- Executive Team Monday, May 10 6:00PM
- Vasa Community Dinner Wednesday May 12, 5:30PM
- Wednesday Evening Worship, Wednesday May 12, 6:30PM



Next Sunday, May 16, Austin Ferguson will join us as our guest accompanist. Austin served as our worship accompanist for about a year and half, and now serves a church in Rochester.

Don't Wait to Vaccinate!

Goodhue County Health & Human Services is vaccinating adults 18 and older

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

Wednesday, May 12th
Goodhue Lions Community Center
4:30-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12th
Wanamingo Community Center
4:30-6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 14th
Dennison Lutheran Church
3:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19th
Zumbrota VFW
4:00-6:00 p.m.

THE COVID VACCINE IS FREE! No insurance or ID required!

Walk-in appointments will be available on a limited basis
Pre-registration is preferred

for **MORE INFORMATION** and to **REGISTER** online visit:
co.goodhue.mn.us/covid-19vaccines

If you need assistance, translation services, or do not have access to the internet, please call 651-385-2000 to register by phone

Call 866-623-7505 to schedule a **FREE** ride from Hiawathaland Transit to these vaccine clinics from anywhere in Goodhue County.



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