

**Vasa Lutheran Church**  
*Midsummer Celebration*  
*of our Swedish Musical Heritage*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, June 26, 2022**

**GREETING**

L: The God who created space and time, journeyed with us in human form, and travels with us still, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER:** Let us pray. O God, **you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

**PSALM:** Psalm 139:1-12

L: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**C: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

L: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**C: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

L: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**C: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

L: Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

**C: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

L: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**C: even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

L: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

**C: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

**READING:** Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. 9 And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

## **DIALOGUE AND PRAYER**

God called to Abraham:

**“Go! Set out! And I will bless you.”**

God calls to us:

**“Come! Feel the water on your head!**

Hear the promise of new life.

**Spread my word through all the world.”**

Let us pray. God of beginnings, **you called Abraham and Sarah, leading them to unknown places. In the waters of baptism, you claim us and send us out as your children. Wash us with your grace and shower us with your Spirit, so that we journey into the world overflowing with your love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER**

**ELW 781**

## **MEDITATION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY THY HOLY WINGS**

**ELW 613**

## **CONFESSION 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. 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.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**DAY BY DAY**

**ELW 790**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

The Lord watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore

In the name of the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Christ goes with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Dan Evanson,  
Dave Carlson, and Paul and Jay Mikaelson (in Bolivia).**

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Parish Pulse:  
**June 19, and June 22, 2022**  
Participating in Worship: 40  
+ 8 concurrent live-streams  
Total Offerings: \$1,935.00

The cemetery committee will be meeting on  
Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to weed whip the  
cemetery and church property. If anyone else  
would like to help, we'd love to have you! Also, if  
you can't come at 6:00, but can come earlier, feel  
free to do so! All help is greatly appreciated!