

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Tempted in the Wilderness*

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**Sunday, January 15, 2023**

## **ANNOUNCING THE DAY** Psalm 91:9-12

L: Because you have made the LORD your refuge,

**C: the Most High your dwelling place,**

L: no evil shall befall you,

**C: no scourge come near your tent.**

L: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**C: On their hands they will bear you up,**

**so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

## **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**

**CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES**

**ELW 553**

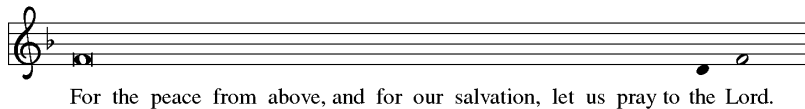
## GREETING

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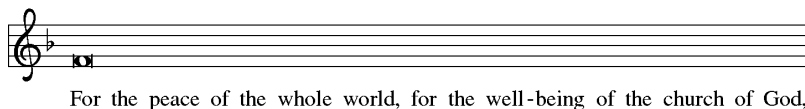
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



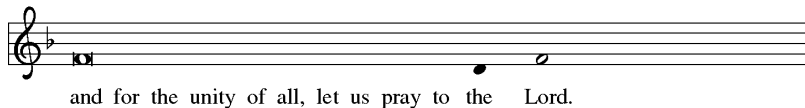
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



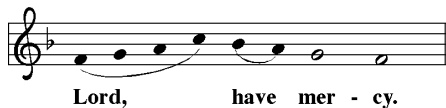
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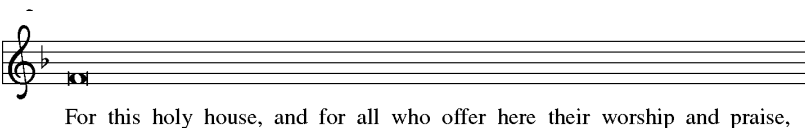
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



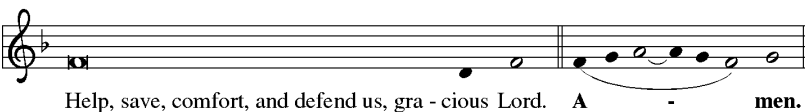
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 strength, **your son Jesus withstood many temptations because his love for you was greater than his earthly desires. Make our love for you so strong, that we might withstand anything that threatens to stand between us and your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

Matthew 4:1-17 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. 12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-- 16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

**HYMN                      PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS                      ELW 843**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:                      JESUS CALLS US O'ER THE TUMULT                      ELW 696**

## **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. Amen.**

## **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. 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:**

**SHINE JESUS SHINE**

**ELW 671**

## **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.**

#### **PARISH PULSE:**

**January 8 & 11**

Participating in Worship: 59

+ 9 live-streams

Total Offerings: \$9,135.00



**Scott Sorenson, Max  
Tilderquist, Irene  
Carpenter, Jessie Otto, Paul  
Mikaelsen, and Eileen  
Anderson.**

### **MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023**

#### **Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

#### **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

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IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

#### **Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult**

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

Music: William H. Jude, 1851-1922

#### **Shine Jesus Shine**

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TO ALL TEAM  
LEADERS AND/OR  
TEAM SECRETARIES:

Your ANNUAL  
REPORTS are due on  
Thursday, January  
19<sup>th</sup>! This is earlier  
than usual because  
Emily is on vacation  
the last week of  
January and won't  
have time to chase  
you down when she  
gets back! Think of it  
as an opportunity to  
cross something off  
your list early!



The next Vasa Blood Drive is January 19th (1pm-7pm) and January 20th (9am-2pm). To schedule an appointment, Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org).



Due to unexpected cost increases for cedar shakes and the cedar posts for the gazebo, the church is in need of more funding for that project. We presently has about \$4,500 set aside for the cost, but the total bill is closer to \$20,000 for labor and materials. As you consider your end-of-the-year giving, please contemplate a donation to Vasa's gazebo rebuilding project.

in a world  
where you can  
be anything,  
BE KIND.

**THIS WEEK AT VASA...**

Monday, Jan 16: **Church Council  
6pm**

Tuesday, Jan 17:

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

Wednesday, Jan 18:

- **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**

Thursday, Jan. 19:

- **Annual Reports Due**
- **1:00-7:00pm Blood Drive**

Friday, Jan. 20:

- **9:00am-2:00pm Blood  
Drive**



3-7pm  
1-28-2023

## CANCER WARRIOR

2019 JESSIE (BIGNELL) OTTO WAS DIAGNOSED WITH STAGE 4 BREAST CANCER. LIKE THE WARRIOR SHE IS, SHE WENT THRU A YEAR OF CHEMOTHERAPY, A DOUBLE MASECTOMY AND TRIAL DRUGS AND BY 2020 SHE HAD BEATEN BREAST CANCER.

AUGUST 2022 AFTER A NEVER ENDING COUGH BROUGHT HER INTO THE DOCTOB, SHE WAS TOLD THE CANCER WAS BACK, IN BOTH LUNGS. DEVESTATING NEWS FOR A FAMILY WHO THOUGHT SHE HAD KICKED THE CANCER. WE ARE RALLYING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY AND FAMILY TO GATHER ON:

**JANUARY 28TH, 2023**

**3:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.**

**@ THE GRAND 02 EVENT CENTER**

ANY DONATIONS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO JESSIE, JEDD, HALEY, DANNY & BELLA OTTO

THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE:

SILENT AUCTION

RAFFLES

50/50 CASH DRAWINGS

"BIC-THE-CHICK-FUNdraiser "

KELLY OTTO GUSTAFSON

GUN RAFFLE

GRILL RAFFLE

2023 HUNT GIVEAWAYS

"GEORGE CONCERTINA BAND"

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME AND CONSIDERATION ON DONATATING TO THIS EVENT.

CancerSucks Otto  
@CancerSucks-Otto



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"LIFE ISN'T ABOUT WAITING FOR THE STORM TO PASS...  
IT'S ABOUT LEARNING TO DANCE IN THE RAIN."  
— VIVIAN GREENE

DONATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP BY KELLY  
OR DROPPED OFF AT:

THE GRAND 02 EVENT CENTER

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-3PM

BRIA OHMANN 507-291-0160

KELLY OTTO GUSTAFSON 651-266-3459

BETSY OTTO 507-581-2864

**ALL RAFFLE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS TO HELP HER WITH HER FIGHT.  
JESSIE OTTO**



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