

**Vasa Lutheran Church**  
*“God Won’t Give You More  
than You Can Handle”*

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Accompanist: Anne Anderson

June 18, 2023

**ANNOUNCING THE DAY:** Today’s Bumper Sticker is: *“God won’t give you more than you can handle.”* The folly is to think that God dishes out suffering for us to handle on our own. Jesus reminds us that we experience suffering in this world but since he has conquered this world, we have peace.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have hurt our community.**  
**We have squandered your blessings.**  
**We have hoarded your bounty.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have failed to be honest.**  
**We have lacked the courage to speak.**  
**We have spoken falsely.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

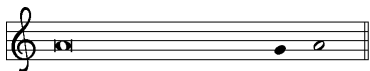
God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God’s mercy:  
you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**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.**

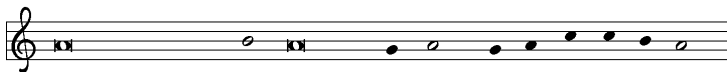
**KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



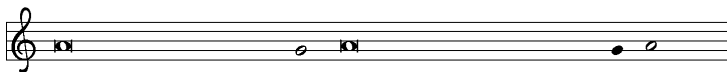
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



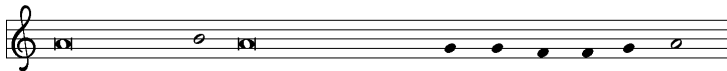
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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:** O God our shepherd, **you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd,

**C: I shall not want.**

L: He makes me lie down in green pastures;

**C: he leads me beside still waters;**

L: he restores my soul.

**C: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

L: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

**C: fear no evil; for you are with me;**

L: your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

**C: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

L: you anoint my head with oil;

**C: my cup overflows.**

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

**John 16:29-33** (New Living Translation)

29 Then his disciples said, "At last you are speaking plainly and not figuratively. 30 Now we understand that you know everything, and there's no need to question you. From this we believe that you came from God." 31 Jesus asked, "Do you finally believe? 32 But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. 33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS**

**ELW 502**



## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY                      JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE                      ELW 697**

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:** Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

## **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

L: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

L: The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.

**C: We praise you, O God.**

L: Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.

**C: We bless you, O God.**

L: We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

**C: We thank you, O God.**

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.

L: Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

L: We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Today we will receive communion by intinction. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You don't need to be a member of Vasa, nor do you need to be a Lutheran to receive the body and blood of Christ. Gluten free portions and non-alcoholic wine are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children are welcome to come forward and will receive a blessing.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** We thank you, generous God, **for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**ABIDE WITH ME**

**ELW 629**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

L: The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

PARISH PULSE:  
**June 7th & 11th 2023**  
Participating in Worship: **46**  
+10 live-streams  
Total Offerings: \$1,573.00



**Eileen Anderson, Irene  
Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul  
Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker,  
Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist,  
Agi TriFontaine, Jake Jacobson,  
Ivan Nelson, and Duane  
Thompson.**

## MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

### Awake My Soul and With the Sun

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

### The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Music: Irish tune

### Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Text: North American traditional

Music: North American traditional

### Abide with Me

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

Music: William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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**Vasa's Summer Softball  
Schedule. All games are at  
AP Anderson,  
Red Wing**

Thursday 6/22: St. Johns 6:30  
Thursday 6/29: St. Paul's 8:30  
Thursday 7/13 Covenant 6:30  
Thursday 7/20 Cross of Christ 7:30  
Thursday 7/27 Covenant 7:30

**Eileen Anderson** is recovering from hip surgery and would like to stay in touch with everyone! Here is her new (temporary) address while she recovers:

*Hastings Senior Health & Living  
Center*

*930 16<sup>th</sup> St. W, Room 112*

*Hastings, MN 55033*

*651-480-6715*

### Worship Assistants Today:

**Usher:** Marv Fredrickson

**Reader:** *Volunteer Needed*

**Hospitality:** Audrey Rosener

**Comm/ Asst.:** *volunteer  
needed*

**Worship Assistants Next  
Week (06/25/2023)**

**MIDSOMMAR FESTIVAL  
OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT  
10:30**



The Vasa – Spring Garden Midsommar Tractor Parade will be Sunday, June 25th. Egg breakfasts with all the trimmings will be served in the gym from 9:30-10:30. Proceeds from the breakfast will go toward the youth trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July of 2024. Worship will be at 10:30 outside of the Lutheran Center on the east lawn. The tractor parade begins at 11:30 with a blessing of the tractors as they motor their way to Spring Garden Lutheran.