

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *The Day of Pentecost*

Pastor Micky Dobbins

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY Acts 2:1-4**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**C: Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

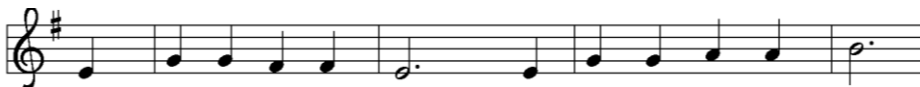
Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all. Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **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



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.  
 Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

## HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;  
 Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Great Spirit, **you have lit upon each of us a flame to serve you in all that we do. Ignite your flame, and help us to burn brightly for you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:14-39** 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. 18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**BLESSED ASSURANCE**

**ELW 638**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

**SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART**

**ELW 800**

**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.**

**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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BLESSING**

God, the Author of life,  
 Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
 and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
 † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**PARISH PULSE:**

May 17<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> 2023

Participating in Worship: 73

+ 11 live-streams

Total Offerings: \$1,030.00

**Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** Marv Fredrickson

**Reader:** Mo Hauck

**Hospitality:** Audrey Rosener

**Worship Assistants Next Week  
 (06/04/2023)**

**Usher:** Bruce Tilderquist

**Reader:** Kathy Tilderquist

**Hospitality:** Mo Hauck

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



**Eileen Anderson, Irene**

**Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul**

**Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker, Scott**

**Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Agi**

**TriFontaine, Nancy Trelstad, Jake**

**Jacobson, Dale Anderson, Ivan Nelson,**

**and Duane Thompson.**

**MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023****Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

**Blessed Assurance**

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

**Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart**

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

**Blessed Be the Tie That Binds**

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt. Music:

Johann G. Nægeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

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The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, and by the east door. They were moved there when we resumed in-person worship after the pandemic. They are there to receive your offering as you enter the sanctuary. Electronic giving is also available.



The Memorial Day ceremony and flag replacement will be held after worship on June 4<sup>th</sup>.



**New Bible Study Group!**

**Bumper Sticker Theology:** Ever wonder about the theology behind bumper stickers you see on vehicles? Our summer sermon series begins on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**June 4:** "I can do all things through...."

**June 11:** "Too blessed to be stressed."

**June 18:** "God won't give you more than you can handle"

**June 25:** "God is my copilot"

Each week we will consider common bumper stickers and the theology that goes along with them. Hope you're ready for a ride!

A new Bible Study opportunity for women of all ages and stages will begin on Wednesday, June 7. It will be from 9:30-11:00 and the first meeting will be held at Faye Drewianka's home (30722 Hwy 19 Blvd Red Wing.) We will determine location and regularity of the meetings at that first meeting. Questions? Contact Mo Hauck at [mhauck07@gmail.com](mailto:mhauck07@gmail.com) or call 651-331-8593. Hope to see you there!

The last day to drop off clothing for the Epilepsy Foundation is Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>!

*The Peace of  
the Lord be  
always with  
you...*

**On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, we took a congregational poll about reinstating the Passing of the Peace during worship. Of the 35 votes cast, 19 voted yes, and 16 voted no. As a result, we will resume Passing the Peace on non-communion Sundays, beginning June 11<sup>th</sup>.**

The bulletin insert today is an impressive list of Vasa Cemetery War Veterans which was created by Rick Samuelson. Please take a look at it with an eye toward additions or corrections. If you see any necessary changes please let Rick know so he can finalize the list.

**Thank you for Trail clearing:** A group of five volunteers gathered on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> with chainsaws in hand to clear the Vasa Trail. Thank you to Bryan Diercks, Mark Hagen, Duane Hanson, John Hauck, and Kent Volz for their efforts. The trail begins just west of the ball field backstop and continues in a loop that brings you out behind the cemetery garage. According to Pastor Maureen's pedometer, it is just under 2000 steps.

IHS

Recently someone asked what these three letters stand for. They are frequently found on crosses and altar paraments. The letters are from the Latin for *Jesus Hominum Salvator* or Jesus, Savior of Humankind. Remember that the Latin language did not have the letter "J" and uses an "I" instead.



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