

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Forgiveness*

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**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY** Psalm 32:1-5

L: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,

**C: whose sin is covered.**

L: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,

**C: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

L: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace. Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**

**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**

**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**

**we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

† forgives you in Christ's name,

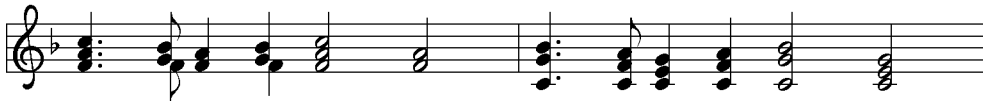
and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

**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.**

**KYRIE**

Lord, Have Mercy



1, 3	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
2	Chris - te	e - lei - son.	Chris - te	e - lei - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . .	have mer - cy.	Lord, . . . .	have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . .	have mer - cy.	Christ, . . . .	have mer - cy.



	Ky - ri - e	e - le	-	i - son.
	Chris - te	e - le	-	i - son.
	Lord, . . .	have mer	-	cy.
	Christ, . . .	have mer	-	cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Forgiving God, **as you encouraged your people to forgive, you modeled forgiveness by releasing us from our bondage to sin. Help us to forgive others, so that we might live in harmony with all your children. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 18:15-35

15 "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

**L:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to you, Oh Lord.**

**HYMN RESPONSE**

**RESTORE IN US, O GOD**

**ELW 328**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH YOU**

**ELW 818**

**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 INTERCESSION**

Each petition will end with the words, "Lord, in your mercy," Please respond with "hear our prayer."

### **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.**

### **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

#### **SENDING HYMN**

#### **BUILT ON A ROCK**

**ELW 652**

*We will sing verses 1-3 and 5.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

L: God, the giver of love,  
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C: Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**



**Eileen Anderson, Irene Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul  
Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist,  
Connie Gillis, Einar Norman, and Ellie Gardiner.**

**Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** Barry Skog  
**Reader:** Katie Featherstone  
**Hospitality:** Kent Donath

**Worship Assistants Next Week  
(03/05)**

**Usher:** Bruce Tilderquist  
**Reader:** Kathy Tilderquist  
**Hospitality:** Lora Gruber  
**Comm. Asst:** Katie Featherstone



**Mid-week Lenten Services** will continue each Wednesday during Lent at 7pm, with Holden Evening Prayer. The Scripture theme will be Jesus' radical vision of God's Kingdom as described in the Beatitudes found in Matthew:5.

**March 1 – Soup Luncheon AND Community Dinner Reservations due**

**March 4—Museum Fund-Raiser Soup Lunch**

**March 8 – Community Dinner  
April 20-21—Annual Church Rummage Sale**

**PARISH PULSE:**

**February 19**

Participating in Worship:39  
+ 0 live-streams (LC)  
Total Offerings: \$865.00

**THE VASA MUSEUM**

**SOUP LUNCHEON**

**RESERVATION FORMS**

are available here in the LC, and also online. You can also email your request, but remember to specify which soup(s) you would like. Reservation deadline is March 1.

**COMMUNITY DINNER**

**RESERVATIONS** are due at NOON on March 1<sup>st</sup> also. Pick up your meals at 5pm on March 8, or Dine In at 5:30.

**MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

**God is Here**

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**Restore in Us, O God**

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**O Master, Let Me Walk With You**

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

Music: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

**Built on a Rock**

Text © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867-1937, adapt.

Music: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

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A note from the owner of the **The Dairy King** in Cannon Falls:

Hello Everyone

Unfortunately we got the worst news of Earthquake Damage today. After waiting wondering last couple of week we got official news from our government that we lost our Mother, 3 sister brother, 2 nephew niece uncle, aunt, and their family in Earthquake. We will be heading to Turkey to attend funerals of loved ones. Please keep us and lost ones in your prayers. Any donations and prayers will be greatly appreciated. We closed Dairy King until further notice. Please understand and have patience with us on our saddest days of our lives. Thank you [for] all your understanding and prayers.

Emin Yilmaz

Dairy King of Cannon Falls