

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*The Lord's Prayer*

Pastor Maureen Hagen    Accompanist – Anne Anderson

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

## **ANNOUNCING THE DAY WITH SONG**

**SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD    WOV 783**

## **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    LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY ARIGHT    ELW 745**

## **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.**



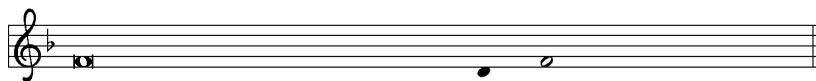
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



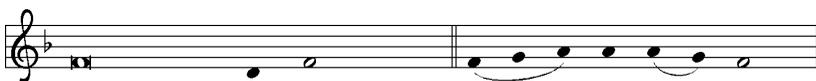
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their 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:** Almighty and ever-living God, **you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen..**

**SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Matthew 6:7-21

7 "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 "Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one.

14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; 15 but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD**

**ELW 517**

**SERMON**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH HYMN**

## **"I Believe"**

*to the tune of "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

I believe in God the Father, the Almighty God above,  
Maker of the earth and heaven which were formed in God's great love.  
And in Jesus, loving Jesus, God's own Son, who makes us new.  
This, the creed of generations, is the faith for our church, too.

Jesus, by God's Holy Spirit, was so wondrously conceived,  
Born unto the Virgin Mary, who your promises believed.  
Jesus suffering under Pilate, on a cross was crucified.  
Soldiers mocked him, friends denied him; he hung there until he died.

So it was, our Lord was buried, in a borrowed tomb he lay.  
To the dead he then descended, where was joy on earth that day?  
There is more to God's great story: In three days he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and he sits at God's right hand.

I believe what God has promised: Christ will come as he has said.  
He will judge the nations' peoples, both the living and the dead.  
I believe God's Holy Spirit makes the church one family.  
We're surrounded by God's people, saints who in our Lord believe.

I believe that God forgives us for the times we turn away,  
And that God will raise our bodies on that resurrection day.  
We rejoice we'll live forever, singing praise to God's great name.  
This, the creed of generations, is the faith that we proclaim.

## **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.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Using the melody written by Alfred Hay Malotte as printed in the insert.)*

**Our Fa-ther, *which* art in heaven,  
hal-low-ed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heav-en.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and for-give us our *debts*,  
as we for-give our *debtors*.  
and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion,  
but de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
For thine is the king-dom,  
and the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for-ev-er. A-men.**

**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: FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION ELW 679**

## **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.**



**Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Paul  
Mikaelsen, Eileen Anderson**

### **Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** Kevin Eckblad

**Reader:** Jessica Anderson

**Hospitality:** Marcia Featherstone

### **Worship Assistants Next Week (2/05)**

**Usher:** *volunteer needed*

**Reader:** Jim Hedeem

**Communion Asst:** Kevin Eckblad

**Hospitality:** Marilyn Hanson

### **THIS WEEK AT VASA...**

Tuesday, Jan 31:

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

Wednesday, Feb. 1:

- **NOON: Community Dinner Reservations DUE**
- **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**

## Music for Sunday, January 29, 2023

### Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Music: Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

### Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

### For the Fruit of All Creation

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### PARISH PULSE:

**January 15, 18, 22, 25**

Participating in Worship: 117

+ 20 live-streams

Total Offerings: \$,8066.00

### Save the Dates:

February 22—

Ash Wednesday

February 26—

Annual Meeting

March 4—

Museum Soup Luncheon

April 20-21—

Annual Church Rummage Sale

### Thrivent Choice Dollars:

If you are a Thrivent member, you may have Thrivent Choice dollars to designate to a charity. Vasa would

gladly take these dollars. You can choose where to send your dollars online at Thrivent.com or set up your donation by phone, at 1-800-847-4836.

### Family Fare Receipts:

Please keep those Family Fare receipts coming! We plan to spend the \$1,000 we get from Spartan Nash on the fuel bill which has been higher than normal this winter.



**We, the Vasa Congregation,**

**Called by God, commit to:**

**Worshipping together,**

**Growing in Faith,**

**Serving Others, and**

**Welcoming and loving all!**