

**Vasa Lutheran Church**  
*The Desires of the Heart*

Leading Worship: Dahmon Romness

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, July 24, 2022**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves**

**and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH**

**ELW 879**

**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**

**ELW 151**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**PRAISE THE LORD! O HEAVENS**

**ELW 823**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O Lord God, **you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:17**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Matthew 22:34-40** When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU**

**ELW 754**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY**

**ELW 705**

**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 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.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US**

**ELW 789**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

The God of peace,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C:** Thanks be to God.



**Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Mike Carlson and Paul and Jay Mikaelson (in Bolivia).**

**Music for Sunday, July 24, 2022**

***For the Beauty of the Earth***

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

***Praise the Lord! O Heavens***

Text: Foundling Hospital Collection, London, 1796

Music: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809

***Jesus the Very Thought of You***

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

***God of Grace and God of Glory***

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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**Worship Assistants Today:**

Usher/Hospitality: Mo Hauck

Reader: Geri Lindholm

**Worship Assistants next week (July 31)**

Usher/Hospitality: Bruce Tilderquist

Reader: Ben Norman

Parish Pulse:

**July 17 & 20, 2022**

Participating in Worship: 50  
+10 concurrent live-streams  
Total Offerings: \$10,956.43



**\*American Red Cross Blood Drive at Vasa – July 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>** (Lots of appointments open—sign up soon please to help save lives!)

**\* National Night Out – August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
(Food Served 6pm-7pm and Games provided by Vasa 4-H from 6:00-6:45)

- **Wednesday Evening Worship, July 27:** Pastor Mickey Dobbins will lead Evening Worship with communion on Wednesday, July 27th at 6:30 in the Lutheran Center Fellowship Room. Pastor Mickey looks forward to seeing friends and former parishioners.