

Vasa Lutheran Church

14th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Tim Seitz

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Sunday, August 30, 2026

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

L: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

ELW 655

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, we thank you for your Son, **who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

PSALM 26: 1-8

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**2 Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

**4 I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

5 I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 16: 21-28

21 From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

L: Word of God, word of life | **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID

ELW 667

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

ELW 808

PROFESSION 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: God of Grace. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share God's peace with one another.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Give us the courage to follow in the footsteps of Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying...

**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

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 today. 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

ELW 659

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✝ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT THE
MUSEUM GAZEBO ON
SEPTEMBER 6! Please make
sure to bring extra chairs and
spots to sit down for Worship.



Wendy Anderson, Jay
Mikaelsen, Scott
Sorenson, Lorrie
Samuelson, Lynda
Rosener, Connor
Michalicek (Rosann
Pearson's grandson),
Jake Jacobson, Rachel
Harper (Barry Skog's
Niece)

Parish Pulse:
August 23
Participating in Worship: 40
+ 50 Live Streams
Total Offerings:
August 23
\$435

Worship Assistants Today
August 30

Musician: Anne Anderson

Usher: Duane Hanson

Lector: Mo Hauck

Hospitality: Audrey Rosener

Worship Assistants Next Week

September 6

Musician: Anne Anderson

Usher: Rick Samuelson

Lector: Mo Hauck

Hospitality: Audrey Rosener

Communion Asst. Volunteer needed

MUSIC FOR AUGUST 30, 2026

SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius
Röntgen, 1855-1932

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

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