

Vasa Lutheran Church

Amos: Justice Rolls Down

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Accompanist: Nick Kees

Sunday, November 9, 2025

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Today's Scripture reading is from the Old Testament prophet Amos. Amos challenges us by reminding us that ornate and even extreme worship services are not what impresses God. Instead God is looking for us to act with righteousness and justice. Jesus put it this way, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN WHEN PAIN OF THE WORLD SURROUNDS US ELW 704

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 157

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

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Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



Refrain



God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: *God of all people, Show us how to let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Create justice and righteousness in us, that all may rejoice in your blessings. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE VERSE	LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS	ELW 717
<i>We will sing verse 1 and 2.</i>		

SCRIPTURE READING Selections from the book of the prophet Amos
Amos 1:1-2 The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake. 2 And he said: The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up.

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24 14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. 15 Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph....I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE VERSE	LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS	ELW 717
<i>We will sing verse 3.</i>		

SERMON

HYMN	LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE	ELW 710
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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: Hear us,
O God. Please respond with: **Your mercy is great.**

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.**

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:

SENDING HYMN:

RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD!

ELW 669

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✚
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.



Parish Pulse:

Oct. 29 & Nov. 2

Participating in Worship: **74**

+ **15** Live Streams

Total Offerings:

October 26th \$ 10,594.00

Jay Mikaelson, Scott Sorenson, Lorrie Samuelson, Dale Anderson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Murlyn Rosener, Terri Fredin, Terri Mandelkow, Jake Jacobson, Connor Mikolichuk (Rosann Pearson's grandson), and Roger Guttromson.

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Rick Samuelson

Reader: Mark Hagen

Hospitality: Sue Hedeon

Worship Assistants Next Week

November 16

Usher: *Volunteer Needed*

Reader: Barry Skog

Hospitality: Mo Hauck

Communion Asst.: *Volunteer Needed*



TEAM MEETINGS

MONDAY 11/10/2025

PARISH LIFE @ 5:30 PM

CHURCH COUNCIL @ 6:00 PM



Vasa is hosting a Blood Drive on Thurs. Nov. 20th from 9 am—3 pm. However, we are in need of a volunteer to help register donors from 9 am –12 pm and someone from 12 –3:30 (or whenever cleanup is finished). If you can help, please contact Kathy Tilderquist.

VASA FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday, November 12th

5:30-7:00 pm

Fruit of the Spirit: Peace

Join us for:
Sloppy Joes
Fun Activities
Short Devotion



"MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE." ROMANS 15:13

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Don't forget that next Sunday,
November 16, is Confirmation
Sunday join as we celebrate those
who are affirming their faith

