

Vasa Lutheran Church

God's Love Poured Out

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Nick Kees

Sunday, May 14, 2023

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

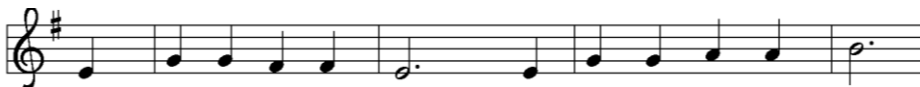
Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

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.**

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- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
 Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth:
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;
 Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious God, **you have welcomed all people into your kingdom. Remove from us the barriers that we build to keep people from you, so that all might live in your grace and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS ELW 597

SERMON

HYMN AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND ELW 779

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: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

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:

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

ELW 547

THANK-YOU MOMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



**Eileen Anderson, Irene
Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul
Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker, Scott
Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Agi
TriFontaine, Nancy Trelstad, Jake
Jacobson, Dale Anderson, Ivan Nelson,
and Duane Thompson.**



Five Wishes Advance Care Planning booklets are available in the Gathering Space or at the Lutheran Center. Feel free to take one as you consider how you want to manage your future comfort and care.



The 2023 Vasa Church Directory is ready! Color copies are \$3.00 each, B/W are FREE! If you've already signed up for a color copy, see Kathy Tilderquist. And if you haven't signed up for a color copy, but want one, see Kathy also !

PARISH PULSE:
May 7th 2023
Participating in Worship: 49
+12 live-streams
Total Offerings: \$2,015.00

CLOTHING DONATIONS:

Vasa will continue to accept clothing, shoes, purses, and bedding donations through the end of May. Bag these items in large garbage bags and bring them to classroom #3, (the split classroom) in the Lutheran Center. The Epilepsy foundation will pay us for these items, with all funds going toward the repair of the stained-glass windows.

Coming Up at Vasa:

Sunday May 21st
Graduation Sunday!

Sunday May 28th
Pastor Mickey Dobbins leads worship

Sunday June 4th
Ceremony to replace the flags following worship.

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Duane Hanson
Reader: Jim Hedeem
Hospitality: Faye Drewianka

**Worship Assistants Next Week
(05/21/2023)**

Usher: Randy Klein
Reader: Sasha Diercks
Hospitality: Marilyn Hanson
Comm/ Asst.: Geri Lindholm

The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, and by the east door. They were moved there when we resumed in-person worship after the pandemic. They are there to receive your offering as you enter the sanctuary. Electronic giving is also available.

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

Love Divine All Love Excelling

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

Amazing Grace

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt.

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

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Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: Welsh folk tune

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