

Vasa Lutheran Church

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor Maureen Hagen Accompanist – Nick Kees

Sunday, November 13, 2022

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, 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.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.**

**We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.**

**We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**

**We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,**

**follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ.**

Amen.

Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS

ELW 717

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.**

KYRIE:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



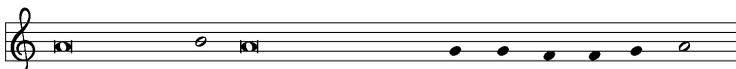
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord God of our ancestors, **we thank you for what you have done and will continue to do with our daughters and sons. Walk with them in life, and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. You see all; you know where the water is deep. Keep them from danger. Order their steps and guide their feet while they run the race of faith. May the good work that you have begun in them be brought to completion at the day of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE TEXTS will be read during the sermon.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown

HYMN

AMAZING GRACE

ELW 779

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

ELW 685

We will sing verses 1-3.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Jocelyn (Josie) Finne, Daniel (Danny) Mann, and Madilyn (Madi) Stehr, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism on this day.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for this brother and these sisters in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,

Enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,

and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: At your baptism, your parents and sponsors spoke for you and confessed that for a time, they would maintain faithfulness for you. On this day you are speaking for yourself. Therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

AFFIRMATION

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these our siblings in Christ and pray for them in their life in Christ?

All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

At this time, the confirmands, their parents, baptismal sponsors, and family will gather around the communion rail. Confirmands may kneel and their family will gather behind and around them.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in *name* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY:**TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE****ELW 685***We will sing verses 4-6.***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition will end with the words, "Lord, in your mercy,"
Please respond with "**hear our prayer.**"

HOLY COMMUNION

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.****Amen.****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.**

DISTRIBUTION *We will receive communion by kneeling around the altar railing.
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 We give you thanks, **most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

WE ARE CALLED

ELW 720

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION BLESSING AROUND THE FONT:

Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Remember that you are a child of God, and that God is always with you!

BLESSING

The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, be a blessing to the world.

C: Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Jessie Otto, Paul Mikaelson, Family and Friends of Bob Crouse, and Family of Ralph Clemens.



9th and 10th Grade Students Affirming Their Faith Today:

Daniel Edwin Mann (Danny), son of Dustin Mann and Jessie Otto
Jocelyn Ann Finne (Josie), daughter of Chris and Kerry Finne
Madilyn Paige Stehr (Madi), daughter of Eric Stehr and Jenna Montey
Owyne Samuel Gillis, son of Kyle and Paula Gillis

Music for Sunday, November 13, 2022

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

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Westminster John Knox Press

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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.

Take My Life That I May Be

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

We are Called

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American Red Cross

The next Vasa Blood Drive is November 22nd (1pm-7pm) and November 23rd (9am-2pm). Blood is needed, and there are plenty of appointments still available. So if you are able to donate, please do. Donations of power reds are also being taken. To schedule an appointment, Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Questions? Call Kathy Tilderquist (612-554-1256.)

Worship Assistants Today

Usher: **Kevin Eckblad**

Reader: **Jim Hedeem**

Communion Asst: **Greg Drewianka**

Hospitality: **Faye Drewianka**

Worship Assistants Next Week(11/20)

Usher: **Roger Guttromson**

Reader: **Mo Hauck**

Hospitality: **Mo Hauck**

Pastor's Schedule This Week:

Pastor Maureen will be attending the Annual Pastor's Theological Conference in La Crosse, WI from Sunday afternoon through Tuesday Noon.

She will be leading worship at Cannon Rivers Thursday, November 17, at 10:00AM.

Please join us for worship next Sunday, November 20, for a service of *Thanks-Giving* during which we will Give Thanks for all blessings we've received, and continue to receive.

Parish Pulse:

November 6, 2022

Participating in Worship: **58**

+ **6** concurrent live-streams

Total Offerings: \$828.75