

Vasa Lutheran Church

Loving Our Comfortable Neighbors

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, August 25, 2024

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Mark 12:28-34 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; 33 and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'-- this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

We sing: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart oh God
And renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart oh God
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence oh Lord
And take not your holy spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation
And renew a right spirit within me.

Repeat.

L: Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

HYMN AWAKE, MY SOUL, AND WITH THE SUN

ELW 557

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.

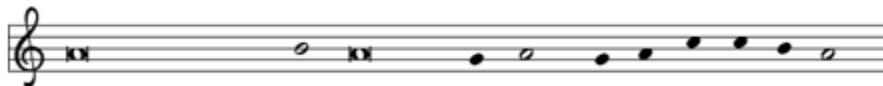
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

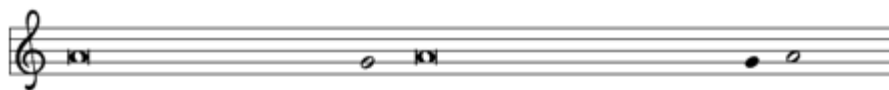


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

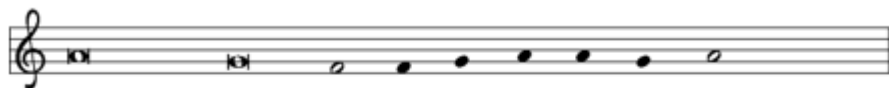


Lord, have mer - cy.

KYRIE (cont.)



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.

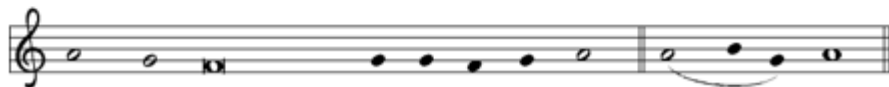


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, **continue to open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

1 Corinthians 12:1-13 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Matthew 12:46-50 Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' When it comes, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then it goes and brings along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So will it be also with this evil generation." 46 While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. 47 Someone told him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." 48 But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" 49 And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my

mother and my brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE ELW 712

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY O HOLY SPIRIT ENTER IN ELW 786

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.**

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:

WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION

ELW 576

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: The blessing of God, who provides for us,
feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.



Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary and by the east door.

Parish Pulse:
August 18th, 2024
Participating in Worship: 53
+ 13 Live Stream
Total Offerings:
\$2,600.00



Paul Mikaelson, Jay
Mikaelson, Scott
Sorenson, Max
Tilderquist, Anne
Rathman, Wendy
Anderson, Dale
Anderson, Lorrie
Samuelson, Rosann
Pearson, Lynda Rosener
Sack, Arleen Stahnke,
Connie Gillis, Jim Hedeem
and Carolyn Lindstrom.

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Randy Klein

Reader: Roger Guttromson

Hospitality: Audrey Rosener

Worship Assistants Next Week (September 1)

Usher: Rick Samuelson

Reader: Barry Skog

Hospitality: Marilyn Hanson

Comm. Asst: Barry Skog

The Cemetery Committee will be meeting at 6:00PM on August 27th to weed whip. OR, you can come earlier on Monday or Tuesday at your convenience. All help is greatly appreciated.

MUSIC FOR AUGUST 18, 2024

DEAREST JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3;
Gesangbuch, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine
Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: Johann R.
Ahle, 1625–1673

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

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HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.
Music: Early American

TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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FEED THE FUEL FUND

Donations are still being taken for the Vasa fuel fund. If you are able to donate toward this need, it will be gratefully received.

- **Looking for people to cut jeans and flannel**, and to help sew the quilts for the graduates. We will
- work from 9:30-11 am on the 4th
- Wednesday of each month. We
- have many quilts to make for
- grads over the next few years.
- The first work-bee will be Sept 25.
- If you can sew, please bring your
- machine. If you can cut, please
- bring a scissors. There's
- something to do for anyone who
- wants to help.



THE BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES AND STAGES resumes on September 4th at the Lutheran Center from 9:30-11:00. All women are welcome as the study continues exploring the Gifts of the Spirit, focusing on kindness in particular. The group will continue to meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday throughout the school year.