

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *The Road to Emmaus*

Bill Peterson, officiating

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**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of † the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

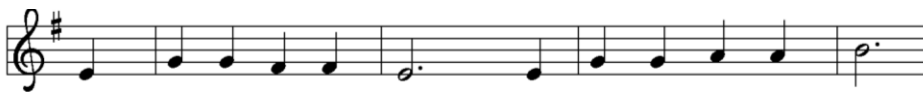
Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

## 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.**

## KYRIE



- 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:**

L: Mysterious and Divine Presence, **Too often our hearts burn within us because our bodies know before our minds that you are here working in us and through us in this world. Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you in all places and in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 30:1-12**

L: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**C: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.**

L: O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**C: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.**

L: For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.

**C: Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.**

L: As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
"I shall never be moved."

**C: By your favor, O LORD,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.**

L: To you, O LORD, I cried,  
and to the LORD I made supplication:

**C: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?"**

L: Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!"

**C: You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,**

L: so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

**C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

## **GOSPEL READING: LUKE 24:13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are

you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L: The gospel of the Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN:**

**EMMAUS BOUND ON EASTER DAY**

*O WALY WALY ("Though I May Speak")*

Emmaus-bound on Easter Day,  
Two travelers walked along the way.  
They'd once had hope, but hope had died  
When you, O Lord, were crucified.

When you appeared beside the two,  
They could not see that it was you;  
But as they talked and shared their pain,  
You gave them hope and joy again.

For as you spoke to them God's word,  
Explaining all they'd seen and heard,  
They understood what God had done  
And that a new day had begun.

They shared their home; you broke the bread.  
They saw you, risen from the dead!  
That moment's grace helped them to see  
The gift of God's eternity.

In scripture and at table, too,  
O Risen Lord, may we know you.  
And may your presence give us grace  
To share God's love in every place.

Biblical Reference: Luke 24:13-35

Tune: Traditional English melody ("Though I May Speak")

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## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME**

**ELW 325**

**PROFESSION 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, **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.

**SENDING HYMN: GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE**

**ELW 385**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Jay Mikaelson, Scott Sorenson, Anne Rathman, Lorrie Samuelson, Dale Anderson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Carolyn Lindstrom, Merle Pearson, Yvonne Belin, Terri Fredin, and Terri Mandelkow.

**Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** Bruce Tilderquist  
**Reader:** Kathy Tilderquist  
**Hospitality:** Audrey Rosener

**Worship Assistants Next Week  
May 4**

**Usher:** Rick Samuelson  
**Reader:** Mark Hagen  
**Hospitality:** Kent Volz  
**Comm Asst:** Geri Lindholm

Parish Pulse:

**April 17 (Maundy Thurs)**

Participating in Worship: 48  
+ 7 Live Streams

**April 18 (Good Friday)**

Participating in Worship: 34

**April 20 (Easter Sunday)**

Participating in Worship: 145  
+ 14 Live Streams

**MUSIC FOR APRIL 27, 2025**

**ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN**

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**I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME**

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**GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS AT VASA**

**4/28 6:30 ENDOWMENT TEAM**  
**4/30 6:30 WED EVE WORSHIP**  
**5/5 4:00 PROPERTY TEAM**  
**5:00 FINANCE TEAM**  
**5/7 6:30 WED EVE WORSHIP**  
**5/12 5:30 PARISH LIFE**  
**6:00 CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**5/14 5:30 FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
**5/18 9:00 GRADUATION SUN.**



We, The Vasa Congregation,  
Called by God, commit to:  
Worshipping together,  
Growing in faith  
Serving others, and  
Welcoming and loving all!