

Vasa Lutheran Church

“Jesus Loves you, but I’m His Favorite.”

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Nick Kees

July 9, 2023

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Today’s Bumper Sticker is: “Jesus loves you, but I’m his favorite.” The folly is that we think God acts within the worldly hierarchy/caste system. The main idea is that God shows no partiality. God has no favorites, and we are all God’s beloved.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God’s mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus Christ.

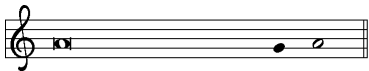
Amen.

We will sing verses 1-3.

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.



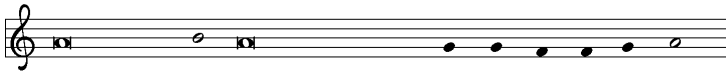
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

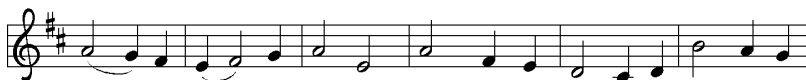
Refrain



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: God of all nations, **you made it clear that all people are invited to partake of the glory of your salvation. Help us to invite all people to your goodness, so that no one might be forgotten in your saving grave. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 139:13-18

L: For it was you who formed my inward parts;

C: you knit me together in my mother's womb.

L: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

C: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

L: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,

C: intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

L: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

C: In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

L: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

C: How vast is the sum of them!

L: I try to count them-- they are more than the sand;

C: I come to the end-- I am still with you.

John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

ELW 343

We will sing verses 1-3 and verse 6.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

GOD LOVED THE WORLD

ELW 323

We will sing verses 1,2,4 and 5.

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.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

L: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

L: The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

L: Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

L: We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

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.

L: Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

L: We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Today we will receive communion using by kneeling at the railing. All are welcome at to share in the sacrament. You don't need to be a member of Vasa, nor do you need to be a Lutheran to receive the body and blood of Christ. Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available for those with dietary restrictions. Children are welcome to come forward and will receive a blessing.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: We thank you, generous God, **for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT

ELW 714

We will sing verses 4-6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.
C: Thanks be to God.



**Eileen Anderson,
Irene Carpenter, Deloris
Clemens, Paul Mikaelson,
Scott Sorenson, Max
Tilderquist, Ivan Nelson,
and Dale Safe.**

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

O God Of Mercy, God of Light

Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.

Music: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896; arr. hymnal version

My Song is Love Unknown

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624–1683, alt.

Music: John Ireland, 1879–1962

God Loved the World

Text: Gesangbuch, Bollhagen, 1791; tr.

August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.

Music: Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Rick Samuelson

Reader: Mo Hauck

Hospitality: Kent Volz

Worship Assistants Next Week (07/16/2023)

Usher: Marv Fredrickson

Reader: Jim Hedeem

Hospitality: Arleen Stahnke

PARISH PULSE:

June 28th & July 2 2023

Participating in Worship: **40**

+0 live-streams (July 2

Outdoor Worship)

Total Offerings: \$985.00



***Pastor Maureen and Mark** will be on vacation from this afternoon through Sunday, July 23rd .

*Bill Peterson will lead you in worship on July 16.

*Dahmon Romness will lead you in worship on July 23rd .

***Pastor C.J. Boettcher at Cross of Christ will cover if there are any pastoral emergencies from July 10th**

through 15th. His number is 920-858-7066.

***Pastor Eric Hanson from St. Luke's in Goodhue will cover if there are any pastoral emergencies from July 16th through the 23rd . His number is 612-834-2149.**

*Pastor Maureen will return to the office on July 24th, refreshed and energized.



Make Waves With Jesus Vacation Bible School Registration forms are available in the Gathering space, Lutheran Center or online (vasalutheran.org).



We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others, and
Welcoming and loving all!