

Vasa Lutheran Church

Isaiah's Prophecy Leads to Faith

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, November 16, 2025

ANNOUNCING THE DAY On Friday we gathered for funeral worship for Dale Anderson. Today we witness three young women affirming their faith and trust in Jesus. Next Sunday we will witness the baptism of baby Hazel Catherine. In certain ways this is the purpose of the Christian church: to accompany families through the milestones of life. These milestones provide opportunities for us to proclaim the good news of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Today is a day of celebration and we rejoice in your presence here in worship.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE ELW 834

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

Kyrie

The musical score is written for two parts: a Leader and an Assembly. It is in G major, indicated by one sharp (F#) on the treble clef. The time signature is common time (C). The score consists of four systems, each with two staves. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the Leader's part on the top staff and the Assembly's part on the bottom staff. The lyrics are: "In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have For the reign of God, and for mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. For your Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy."

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

KYRIE (cont.)

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staff. The music consists of several phrases, some with rests, and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have Help, save, and de-fend us, O God. mer - cy. A - men."

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen

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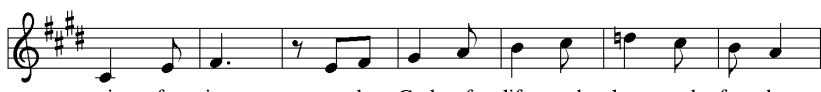
HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

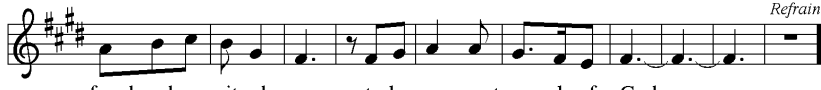


praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain

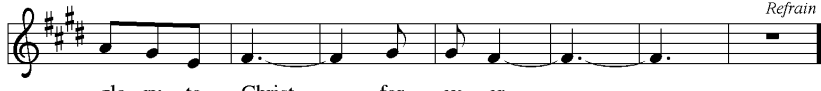


freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain

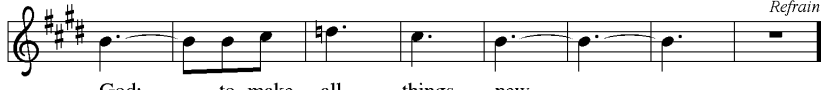


glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



Refrain



God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of light, **There can be overwhelming obscurity in this world. But you shine your light and increase joy, and for your brilliance we are grateful. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

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

HYMN

HERE I AM, LORD

ELW 574

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

BE THOU MY VISION

ELW 793

We will sing verses 1-2

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for

- Marissa Mandelkow
- Kennedy McCann
- Bella Otto

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 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:

BE THOU MY VISION

ELW 793

We will sing verses 3-4

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: Hear us, O God. Please respond with: **your mercy is great.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT:

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

We praise you, O God.

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

We bless you, O God.

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.

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.

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.

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: *Communion will be received as we kneel at the railing. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. You don't need to be a member of Vasa Lutheran, nor do you need to be a Lutheran. We believe that Jesus is the host of the meal and that Jesus invites all to participate. Gluten free wafers and alcohol free wine are available for those who have dietary restrictions.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: God of field and flower, **wheat and grape,**
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your
good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve
in Christ's name. Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

O SPIRIT ALL-EMBRACING

ACS 944



O Spirit All-Embracing



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ✚
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.



Jay Mikaelson, Scott
Sorenson, Lorrie Samuelson,
Lynda Rosener Sack, Murlyn
Rosener, Terri Fredin, Terri
Mandelkow, Jake Jacobson,
Connor Mikolichuk (Rosann
Pearson's grandson), and
Roger Guttromson.

Parish Pulse:

Nov. 5 & 9

Participating in Worship: **51**

+ **14** Live Streams

Total Offerings:

November 9th \$ 1,455.00

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Marvin Fredrickson

Reader: Barry Skog

Hospitality: Mo Hauck

Worship Assistants Next Week

November 23

Usher: Rick Samuelson

Reader: Mo Hauck

Hospitality: Lora Gruber

Marissa Mandelkow daughter of Brian and Andrea baptized 03/11/2011

Kennedy McCann daughter of Corey and Missy baptized 03/06/2011

Bella Otto daughter of Jedd and Jessie baptized 12/07/2014

MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2025

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876

HERE I AM LORD

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BE THOU MY VISION

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935,
alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Music: Irish traditional

O SPIRIT ALL-EMBRACING

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Christmas Poinsettias

This year's Poinsettias order forms are available. Deadline for the order forms is Dec. 4th. Forms are located at the back of the Church and by the office in the Lutheran Center. If there are no forms available call or email the office your order and Preston will prepare it



The Blood Drive coming up on Thursday Nov. 20th still has open appointments for donations. If you would like to donate contact Kathy Tilderquist to find out what times are available.



The Sheldon Theatre Brass Band is thrilled to invite the community to its annual Holiday Concert kicking off the Christmas Season. The concert is on Saturday, November 29th at 3:00 PM at the historic Sheldon Theatre in downtown Red Wing. This beloved seasonal event promises an afternoon of joyful music, festive spirit, and cherished holiday classics performed by one of the region's premier brass ensembles.