

Vasa Lutheran Church

Peter Heals in Jerusalem

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, April 14, 2024

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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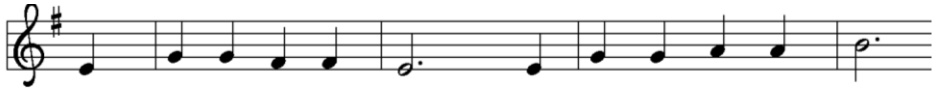
GATHERING HYMN THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY ELW 588

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-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: Holy Lord, **your followers gave to your children something more powerful and more valuable than riches. They gave healing and hope. Bring healing and hope into our world and show us evidence of your presence in our lives. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. 2 And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. 4 Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." 5 And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. 6 But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. 8 Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. 9 All the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN **O CHRIST, THE HEALER, WE HAVE COME** **ELW 610**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD** **ELW 502**

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:

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

ELW 789

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Paul Mikaelsen, Jay Mikaelsen, Scott
Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Anne
Rathman, Wendy Anderson, Dale
Anderson and Lorrie Samuelson.

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Steve Hyllegren

Reader: Mark Hagen

Hospitality: B-J Norman

**Worship Assistants Next Week
(April 21st)**

Usher: Marvin Fredrickson

Reader: Melanie Carlson

Hospitality: Gail Strusz-Klein

Comm. Asst.: Megan Carlson

Parish Pulse:

APR 7, 2024

Participating in Worship: 46

20 live-streams

Total Offerings:

\$855.50



Rummage Sale

**Vasa's Rummage/Bake
Sale is coming up quick!
See the Voice for drop-off
details or take a poster
from the gathering space!**

MUSIC FOR APRIL 14, 2024

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

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THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD

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Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: Irish

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SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD, LEAD

US

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-

1847



In preparation for next winter, Vasa will gladly accept donations to the fuel fund. Just note your intent on the memo line of the check. Thrivent Choice \$\$ can also be used, but you must let Kathy T. know so she can make the transfer out of the general fund.



Women of All Ages and Stages Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 9:30-11:00 in the Fellowship Room of the Lutheran Center. All are welcome!



If you have old hearing aids or eye-glasses lying around, remember that they can be donated to the local Lion's club! If you want to bring them to church or to the Lutheran Center, someone will make sure they are delivered.