

Vasa Lutheran Church

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Nick Kees

Sunday, August 14, 2022

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves

and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE!

ELW 848

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.**

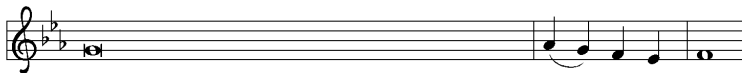
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



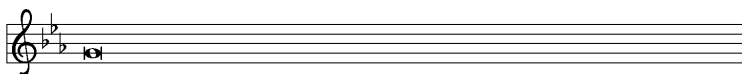
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



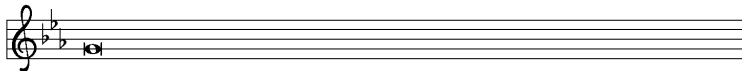
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, **you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 6:1 - 7:7

The Prophet Speaks: 1 Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. 2 Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

God speaks: 3 "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! 4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

The people speak: 6 "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

The prophet responds: 8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

9 The voice of the LORD cries to the city (it is sound wisdom to fear your name):

God speaks: Hear, O tribe and assembly of the city! 10 Can I forget the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is accursed? 11 Can I tolerate wicked scales and a bag of dishonest weights? 12 Your wealthy are full of violence; your inhabitants speak lies, with tongues of deceit in their mouths. 13 Therefore I have begun to strike you down, making you desolate because of your sins. 14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied, and there shall be a gnawing hunger within you; you shall put away, but not save, and what you save, I will hand over to the sword. 15 You shall sow, but not reap; you shall tread olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil; you shall tread grapes, but not drink wine. [16 For you have kept the statutes of Omri and all the works of the house of Ahab, and

you have followed their counsels. Therefore I will make you a desolation, and your inhabitants an object of hissing; so you shall bear the scorn of my people.]

The prophet speaks: Woe is me! For I have become like one who, after the summer fruit has been gathered, after the vintage has been gleaned, finds no cluster to eat; there is no first-ripe fig for which I hunger. 2 The faithful have disappeared from the land, and there is no one left who is upright; they all lie in wait for blood, and they hunt each other with nets. 3 Their hands are skilled to do evil; the official and the judge ask for a bribe, and the powerful dictate what they desire; thus they pervert justice. 4 The best of them is like a brier, the most upright of them a thorn hedge. The day of their sentinels, of their punishment, has come; now their confusion is at hand. 5 Put no trust in a friend, have no confidence in a loved one; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your embrace; 6 for the son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; your enemies are members of your own household. 7 But as for me, I will look to the LORD, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

WE ARE CALLED

ELW 720

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

ELW 697

CONFESSION OF FAITH

**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.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

SENDING HYMN:

O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT

ELW 714

We will sing verses 1, 2, 4 & 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.



**Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist,
Irene Carpenter, Jake Jacobson,
and Paul and Jay Mikaelson (in
Bolivia).**



Parish Pulse:

August 7, 2022

Participating in Worship: 41
+15 concurrent live-streams
Total Offerings: \$8,835.00

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher/Hospitality: Roger Guttromson

Reader: Jason Pagel

Worship Assistants next week (Aug. 21)

Usher/Hospitality: Marv Fredrickson

Reader: Stuart Samuelson

Communion Asst: Roger Guttromson

Music for Sunday, August 14, 2022

Give to our God Immortal Praise

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Prasie the Lord O Heavens!

Text: *Foundling Hospital Collection*, London,
1796

Music: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809

We Are Called

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Just A Closer Walk with Thee

Text: North American traditional

Music: North American traditional

O God of Mercy, God Of Light

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.

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

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HELP

WANTED

The Community Dinner Committee is looking for a volunteer to manage the organization and distribution of the take-out and delivery meals. Primary tasks include packing and labeling bags and containers for delivery and take-out on day of meal. Other responsibilities include mailing the menu to the Downtown Plaza (Red Wing), and coordinating with Sue Hedeon on menus and packaging. If interested, call Sue Hedeon at 651-380-6270.



*We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others, and
Welcoming and Loving All.*

