

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

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Sunday, January 23, 2022

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY** Psalm 127:1-2

L: Unless the LORD builds the house,

**C: those who build it labor in vain.**

L: Unless the LORD guards the city,

**C: the guard keeps watch in vain.**

L: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil;

**C: for he gives sleep to his beloved.**

### **CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God,  
who sends the word with angels,  
who is made flesh among all peoples,  
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

**Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess our sin before you.**

**We replace compassion with competition.**

**We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.**

**We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.**

**We have not put on love in harmony with you.**

**Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.**

**Swaddle our hearts with your peace,**

**that all we do, in word or deed,**

**may reflect your love born among us.**

**Amen.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:

God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

<sup>☩</sup> In Christ your sins are forgiven

and you are clothed in peace.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**GOD IS HERE!**

**ELW 526**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.      Lord, have mer - ey.

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

Lord, have mer - ey.

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 - ey.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.      Lord, have mer - ey.

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,



we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;



you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.



For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,



you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Patient God, **your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice. Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach us to make right all that may be wrong. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: John 2:13-25** The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. 23 When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. 24 But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**BUILT ON A ROCK**

**ELW 652**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

**WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS**

*We will sing verses 1 and 3.*

**ELW 445**

**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

L. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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: SAVIOR, AGAIN TO YOUR DEAR NAME**

**ELW 534**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING

The God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.  
**Amen.**

#### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelson, and Jay Mikaelson.

Parish Pulse:

**January 16, 2022**

Participating in Worship: 55  
+ 14 concurrent live-streams  
+ 9 WEW January 12, 2022  
Total Offerings: \$2,875.00.00

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*Usher: Kevin Eckblad*

*Reader: Jeannette Anderson*

**Assisting Next Week:**

**\*\*Volunteers needed (See Pastor Maureen)**



**Just a reminder that Annual Reports (from Teams) are due in the office by January 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have already submitted yours, thank you!**



### **Volunteers Needed for Vasa Teams:**

Vasa is in need of a "few good volunteers!" Specific needs include two people for the Property team, two people for the Parish Life team, one person for the Finance team, and one person for the Endowment team. Serving on these teams includes a responsibility to serve on the church council. Contact Barbara Weigman at [barbara.weigman@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.weigman@gmail.com) or 507-202-7880 for more details.

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**The Museum Board** will meet Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Lutheran Center.

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Where your  
treasure is,  
there will  
your heart  
be also.  
Matthew 6:21

My Offering

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**Offering envelopes** are finally in!! Please take yours with you! We really would prefer not to mail them, due to the recent increases in postage.

As many of you know, Vasa's Community Dinner ministry was the fortunate recipient of a large food donation last fall from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. However, some of the donations of food that were received were not sufficient in quantity to be used for the community dinner. In order to prevent these smaller donations from going to waste, a decision was made to prepare meals to be delivered to people who are not always able to cook for themselves. These meals will be prepared on the last Wednesday of the month and will be delivered early afternoon of the same day. If you know of someone who needs food support (e.g. doesn't cook for themselves while still living at home) please call the church office. **And if you are able to help make the deliveries, we will need a few delivery drivers also.**

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Worshipping together,  
Growing in Faith,  
Serving Others,  
Welcoming and Loving All.



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