

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Peter's Denial*

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Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, March 20, 2022**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY** Psalm 17:1-7

L: Hear a just cause, O LORD;

**C: attend to my cry;**

**give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.**

L: From you let my vindication come;

**C: let your eyes see the right.**

L: If you try my heart,  
if you visit me by night,  
if you test me,

**C: you will find no wickedness in me;  
my mouth does not transgress.**

L: As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

**C: My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.**

L: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me, hear my words.

**C: Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**C: Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

L: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL**

**ELW 552**

**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**

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**ELW 151**

- 1 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
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- 2 Christe eleison. Christe eleison.  
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- 3 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Holy God, **We, like Peter, often turn our backs on you. Forgive us and show us a new way to live, walking boldly and passionately toward you. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: John 18:12-27**

12 So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.  
13 First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. 14 Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. 15 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, 16 but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. 17 The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." 18 Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. 19 Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. 20 Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. 21 Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." 22 When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you

answer the high priest?" 23 Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" 24 Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. 25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." 26 One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" 27 Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**HYMN**

**AMAZING GRACE**

**ELW 779**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

**AH, HOLY JESUS**

**ELW 349**

**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:**

## **CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS:**

*We will commune today by intinction.*

*Pre-packaged portions are available for those who wish to remain seated.*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:**

*We will commune today by intinction.*

*Pre-packaged portions are available for those who wish to remain seated.*

**BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ be with you now and forever. Amen.

**PRAYER** Blessed Jesus, **in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS**

**ELW 338**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
✠ bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace.

Jesus meets you on the way.

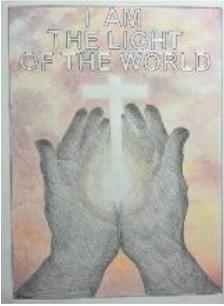
**C: Thanks be to God.**



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

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**  
**Assisting Today:**  
*Intergenerational Volunteers*  
**Assisting Next Week (3/27)**  
*Usher: Jason Stahnke*  
*Reader: Katie Lindahl*

Parish Pulse:  
**March 13, 2022**  
Participating in Worship: 42  
+10 Sunday School  
+11 concurrent live-streams  
+27 Wednesday Lenten Worship (March 16)  
+ 2 concurrent live streams  
Total Sunday Offerings: \$4,445.00



**Lenten Worship:** Our Lenten worship theme this year is the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. Each week we will explore these sayings of Jesus from the gospel of John and consider what meaning they have for our lives. Worship will be at 7:00 in the sanctuary and will include singing Holden Evening

Prayer.



Rummage Sale

**Save the Date!** The next Vasa and Welch Area Annual Rummage Sale is April 21-23! See the March Vasa Voice for more details!



It's time to register your children for Bible Camp. Good Earth Village Bible Camp is located 5 miles east of Spring Valley, MN. The camp will be hosting in person sleep over camps this summer for the first time since the Covid shut-down. The Sunday School children will hear a special emphasis on bible camp on Sunday, March 27 and receive brochures to bring home. For more information go to <http://goodearthvillage.org/summer>.

## Food Shelf



The 2022 March Food Shelf Campaign began on February 28th and will continue until April 10th. Vasa Congregation is participating! All offerings that are received in the purple Lenten envelopes as well as loose change will be matched by the Parish Life team up to \$300. Money will be sent on to the Minnesota Food Share program for the benefit of the Red Wing and Cannon Falls food shelves.

Another way to support the food shelves is to consider donating the following **most-needed food items**: hearty soups (Progresso, Campbell's Chunky), saltine crackers, hamburger helper, canned chicken, and fruit juice (in plastic containers).



## **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: Eastern Europe Crisis Response**

On February 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians are fleeing the violence and seeking refuge in neighboring countries such as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. For more information, go to [ELCA.org/disaster](https://elca.org/disaster) Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



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

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