

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Tim Seitz

Accompanist Nick Kees

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**We confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

L: Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,  
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death**

**ELW 452**

**GREETING:** 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Lord, Be Glorified

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems. The first system contains the first line of the hymn, and the second system contains the second line. Each system has a vocal staff with four parts and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY** O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. **Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits**

who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

**who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.

**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.

**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD

**SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times." For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So, the slave fell on

his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything. And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, pay what you owe. Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, have patience with me, and I will pay you. But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you? And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So, my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

L: Word of God, word of life | **C: Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **HYMN**

**Where Charity and Love Prevail**

**ELW 359**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    **Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

**ELW 605**

## **BAPTISM OF ADA ELIZABETH JOHNSON**

**Pastor:** God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you Blake & Sydney, desire to have your daughter baptized into Christ? If so say, "I do."  
Response: I do.

As you bring Ada to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Ada grow in the Christian faith and life? If so say, "I do."  
Blake & Sydney respond: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Ada in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so say, "I do."  
Greg, Courtney, Andrew & Amy respond: I do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Ada and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH:** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

**Pastor:** We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and

through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**BAPTISM** Ada Elizabeth Johnson is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Ada with 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.

Ada Elizabeth Johnson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

### **WELCOME**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:** Each petition will end with the words: God of Grace. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

### **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**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Give us the courage to follow in the footsteps of Christ,  
who taught us to pray, saying...

**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.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

**Go, My Children With My Blessing**

**ELW 543**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✝ one God,

bless, heal, and hold you

today and always.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Today's Baptism***

**Ada Elizabeth Johnson**

Parents - Blake & Sydney Johnson

Sponsors - Greg & Courtney Hovel and Andrew & Amy Johnson

*Altar flowers are given today  
by James & Lora Gruber in  
honor of Lora, Steve (son)  
and Sonny (Great Grandson)  
birthdays.*

Blood Drive is Thursday  
September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact  
Kathy Tilderquist with any  
questions.



Rita Pearson, Wendy  
Anderson, Jay Mikaelson,  
Scott Sorenson, Lorrie  
Samuelson, Lynda  
Rosener, Connor  
Michalicek (Rosann  
Pearson's grandson),  
Jake Jacobson, Rachel  
Harper (Barry Skog's  
Niece)

Parish Pulse:  
**September 6th**  
Participating in Worship:  
44  
**Total Offerings:**  
**\$ 990.00**

**Worship Assistants Today**  
**September 13th**  
**Musician:** Nick Kees  
**Usher:** Kevin Eckblad  
**Lector:** Jeanette Anderson  
**Hospitality:**

**Worship Assistants Next Week**  
**September 20th**  
**Musician:** Anne Anderson  
**Usher:** Marvin Fredrickson  
**Lector:** Kathy Tilderquist  
**Hospitality:** Lora Gruber

## **MUSIC FOR September 13th, 2026**

### **Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death**

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984  
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### **Where Charity and Love Prevail**

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### **Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905-1987, alt.  
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### **Go, My Children With My Blessing**

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