

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*God is With Us: Providing Deliverance*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**GOD WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD**

**ELW 673**

## **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.**

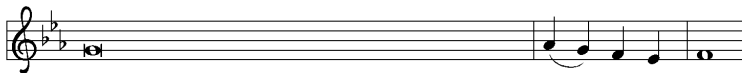
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



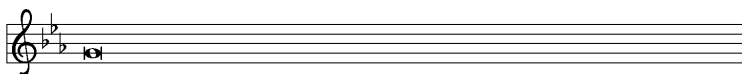
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



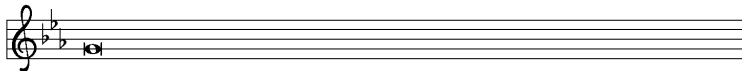
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of deliverance, **you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Joshua 24:1-15** Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors-- Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor-- lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; 4 and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. 5 Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. 6 When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. 7 When they cried out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. 8 Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. 9 Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, 10 but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. 11 When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. 12 I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. 13 I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant. 14 "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON / PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS**

**HYMN**

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

**ELW 838**

## **SERMON**

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH Joshua 24:16-26**

Narrator: Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land.

**Congregation: Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."**

Narrator: But Joshua said to the people,

Joshua: "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good."

Narrator: And the people said to Joshua,

**Congregation: "No, we will serve the LORD!"**

Narrator: Then Joshua said to the people,

Joshua: "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him."

Narrator: And they said,

**Congregation: "We are witnesses."**

Joshua: "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."

**Congregation: "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey."**

Narrator: So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the LORD.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU ELW 769**

**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:**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him

may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

## **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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*Communion will be served by intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions.*

**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** God of the abundant table, **you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: THE LORD NOW SENDS US FORTH ELW 538**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**



**Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Grace Nelson, Jessie Otto, Paul Mikaelson, and Bob Crouse.**

**Worship Assistants Today**  
Usher: Rick Samuelson  
Reader: Kathy Tilderquist  
Hospitality: Volunteer Needed  
Communion Assistant: Family Volunteers

**Worship Assistants Next Week (10/23)**  
Usher: Randy Klein  
Reader: Volunteer Needed  
Hospitality: Duane Thompson

Parish Pulse:  
**October 9 & 12, 2022**  
Participating in Worship: **55**  
+ 6 concurrent live-streams  
Total Offerings: \$2,295.18.00

## Upcoming Events...

- ❖ Monday, Oct 17 6:00pm
  - Church Council
- ❖ Tuesday, October 18 9:00am
  - Coffee & Conversation
- ❖ Wednesday Oct 26, NOON
  - Swedish Pancake Breakfast Reservations Due
- ❖ Saturday, Oct 29 9:00am-11:am
  - Pick Up Swedish Pancake Breakfasts
- ❖ Wednesday Nov 2, NOON
  - Community Dinner Reservation Deadline
- ❖ Saturday Nov 5 9:00am-3:00pm
  - Vasa Winter Bazaar

## Music for Sunday, October 16, 2022

### ***God Whose Almighty Word***

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

### ***Beautiful Savior***

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

### ***If You But Trust In God to Guide You***

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### ***The Lord Now Sends Us Forth***

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[office@vasalutheran.org](mailto:office@vasalutheran.org).



Congratulations to Parker Nelson, son of Andy and Emily Nelson, who received his Bible this morning.

*faith*  
**family**  
friends