

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Hear O Israel*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Nick Kees

October 8, 2023

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God, the one who forms us,  
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:      OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE      ELW 519**

#### **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:** We will sing **ELW #157**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** We will sing **ELW #167**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Loving Lord, **you gave commandments to your people as a gift. Teach us to be obedient to your word and to care for each other as we do your will. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9**

Moses convened all Israel, and said to them: Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances that I am addressing to you today; you shall learn them and observe them diligently. 2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. 3 Not with our ancestors did the LORD make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. 4 The LORD spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the fire. 5 (At that time I was standing between the LORD and you to declare to you the words of the LORD; for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And he said: 6 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 7 you shall have no other gods before me. 8 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 9 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, 10 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 11 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 12 Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 14 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work-- you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. 15 Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day. 16 Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. 17 You shall not murder. 18 Neither shall you commit adultery. 19 Neither shall you steal. 20 Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor. 21 Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife. Neither shall you desire your neighbor's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9** Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all



**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.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE OF GOD**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us share this peace with the people around us.

### **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN    IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE                    ELW 834**

### **BLESSING**

L: The God of glory,  
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**Eileen Anderson,  
Irene Carpenter, Paul  
Mikaelsen, Jay Mikaelsen,  
Scott Sorenson, Max  
Tilderquist, Anne Rathman,  
and Wendy Anderson.**

Parish Pulse:

**October 1, 2023**

Participating in Worship: 45

+11 live-streams

Total Offerings:

\$1,027.00

### **Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** Marv Fredrickson

**Reader:** Sid Featherstone

**Hospitality:** Audrey Rosener

### **Worship Assistants Next Week (October 15, 2023)**

**Usher:** Duane Hanson

**Reader:** Sasha Diercks

**Hospitality:** Mo Hauck

**Comm. Asst:** Katie Featherstone

**MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023**  
**OPEN YOUR EARS O FAITHFUL PEOPLE**

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**GREAT GOD, YOUR LOVE HAS CALLED US**

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**MY GOD, HOW WONDERFUL THOU ART**

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863

Music: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615

**IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE**

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876



*Vasa Family Night*

Wednesday, October 11th  
5:30-7:00pm  
Vasa Lutheran Center

Light Meal – Warm Comfort Food  
Pumpkin Painting & Activities  
Short Devotional

All Are Welcomed

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**Taste of Welch**  
**Bake Sale**  
**Lunch**



Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup  
Homemade Vegetable Soup  
Roast Beef Sandwiches  
Coleslaw  
Assorted Desserts  
Hot and Cold Beverages

**Raffle**

"Going Back in Time" Queen-Size Quilt 84"x95"  
Many other item including  
Gift Cards and Gift Certificates  
Sign up for FREE drawings! Some Crafts available

**Cross of Christ Lutheran Church**



24036 Co. Rd. 7 Blvd. Welch, MN  
Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 2023  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm



**Calling all Quilters!!** Help us  
Assemble quilts for the  
Lutheran Center gym walls to  
serve as sound mufflers.  
Simple use of a sewing  
machine and hand stitching  
will be involved. All are  
welcome! **October 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9:30-11:00!**