

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*The Lord's Prayer: Give Us This Day*

*Our Daily Bread*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

**ANNOUNCING THE DAY:** Today we consider the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer: give us this day our daily bread. As we consider each petition we remember that through this prayer we are connected with God, and that the God of all creation is our God. We strive to honor God's name with our words and actions. Praying for God's kingdom reminds us that it is already here. Finally, praying is a way to discern God's will.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,

you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

*We will sing verses 1, 2, and 4.*

**GREETING**

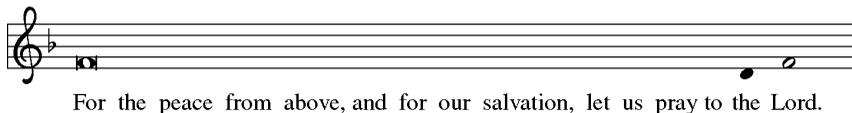
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: and also with you.**

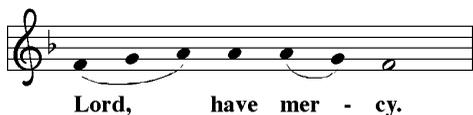
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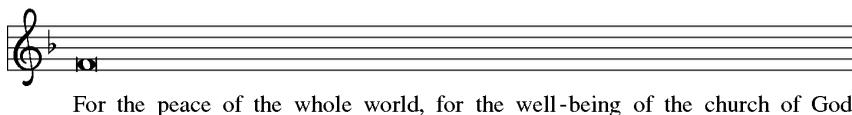
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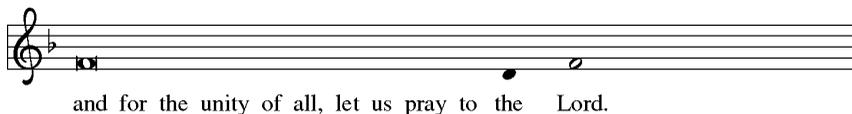
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



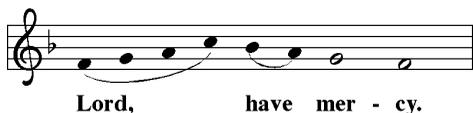
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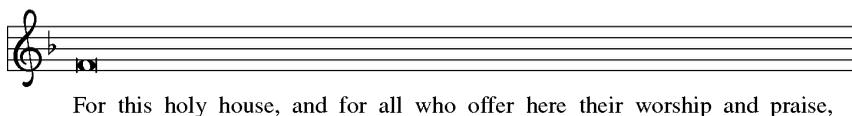
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



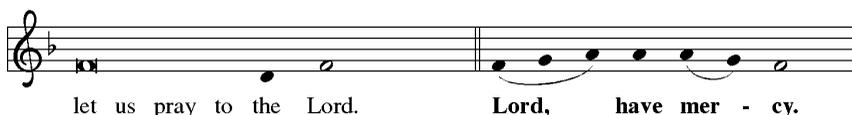
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



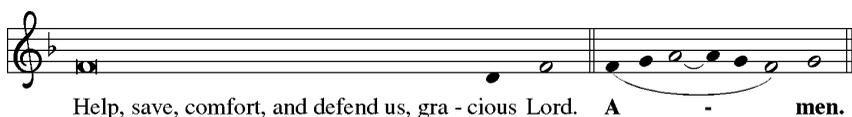
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Lord Jesus, **thank you for the chance to gather together and learn more about you and the many ways you lavish us with abundance and nourishment of all kinds. You provide us with food and clothing and everything we could possibly need from day to day. Provide us now with open hearts and minds. Provide us with gratitude for your grace and the gifts that flow from it. Amen**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Exodus 16:11-21** The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 12 "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" 13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. 16 This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'" 17 The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. 18 But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. 19 And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over until morning." 20 But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul. And Moses was angry with them. 21 Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

**Luke 12:21-30** So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." 22 He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 26 If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you-- you of little faith! 29 And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. 30 For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.



Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Ray in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Clare and Garrett respond:* I do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Ray and pray for him in his 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**

Raymond Quitin Lupia 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 Ray 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.

Raymond Quitin Lupia, 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.**

### **HYMN**

### **BAPTIZED AND SET FREE**

**ELW 453**

*We will sing verses 3 and 4.*

**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**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**GENEROSITY MOMENT:** *Your financial support of Vasa's ministry is always appreciated. Offering plates are sitting at the back of the sanctuary.*

**SENDING HYMN: GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING**

**ELW 543**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER FOR AFGHANISTAN**

Holy God, through your Spirit's aid, we heave sighs too great for words.

For the land of Afghanistan, for its people (your people), and all life within its borders, we pray.

For US military personnel and contractors there now, their safety, and moral integrity, we pray.

For those who are desperate for safety and those who are faced with unimaginable decisions, we pray.

For those who choose a way of violence and oppression, we pray.

For those who have given to the cause of the past twenty years and who carry the seen and unseen scars of this conflict, we pray.

For those who have dedicated lives and work and now struggle with the outcome, we pray.

For those who have committed to humanitarian work and rebuilding and may now be unable to complete their task, we pray.

For those who tend the wounded and the dying, for those who care for the remains of the dead, we pray.

For the women and girls, for people, who had glimpsed a different future and may now feel hopeless, afraid, or desperate, we pray.

For forgiveness, we pray.

For a world sustained by the reign of the Prince of Peace, we pray.

**We pray. We pray. We pray.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Montana*

*Prayer written by Rev. Julia Seymour, ELCA pastor in*

## BLESSING

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
Amen.

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson,  
Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelson, Michelle Pearson, Grace Nelson, and  
Zac Carlson



If you wish to make a monetary contribution to Vasa Lutheran church, offering plates are located near the exits at the South and East doors.

Parish Pulse:

**August 15, 2021**

Participating in Worship:

45 (+7 at WEW 8/18/21)

Total Offerings: \$2,285.00

### Assisting with Worship Today:

**Usher: Rodney Nelson**

**Reader: Stuart Samuelson**

Assisting Next week:

Usher: **TBD**

Reader: **TBD**

Communion Asst: **TBD**

***\*If you are interested in volunteering to assist with worship next week, please contact Pr. Maureen or Emily in the church office. Thanks!***



Pauline Carlson turned 99 yesterday! Cards and well-wishes can be sent to:

*Pauline Carlson  
28030 160<sup>th</sup> Ave Way  
Welch, MN 55089*

## Free Community Dinner



The September Community Dinner is scheduled for September 8! Since we are not out of the Covid woods YET, we will continue with Drive Through and Delivery Options ONLY—which means **meal reservations are DUE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>!!** Call or email the church office with your requests. Please include your name, phone number, specify how many meals, and Drive Through or Delivery preference. The September menu includes: Brats, Baked Beans, Potato Salad (OR chips—please specify which you want when you place your order) and a cookie!

**Anyone who can help weed-whip the cemetery, plan to meet on Tuesday evening, August 31, at 6pm. If you can't make it then, but can still help out, feel free to stop by during the day and do what you can! **RAIN DATE: September 1.****



Grace Nelson is currently residing at Bay View in Red Wing, receiving rehabilitation for injuries she sustained in a recent fall. Cards and well-wishes can be sent to **Grace Nelson, c/o Bay View Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1412 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Red Wing, MN 55066.**



**Vasa Lutheran will kick off the Christian Education season with an intergenerational worship service on September 19, 2021. Sunday School will begin on September 26, 2021 and will be held during worship, at the Lutheran Center. Masks will be recommended, but not required for both worship and Sunday School.**



**BOOK STUDY: Pastor Maureen will be leading a book study on The Heart of Christianity, by Marcus Borg, beginning in September. Options for meeting include: Sunday after worship, Tuesday or Thursday evenings**

**or Saturday morning over coffee. Let her know if you're interested, and which time works best! Plan on 3 meetings.**



## **Afghan Refugee Assistance**



LIRS has been working since 2009 to resettle refugees from Afghanistan, many of whom were American allies during the war. With the recent and rapid withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan, the need for financial support for the Afghan refugees is greater than ever. **This is where you can help.** Making a gift to **Neighbors in Need: Afghan Allies** will provide food, housing assistance, clothing, and other basic needs for our Afghan friends as they await the official services available to them. You can mail donations to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, PO Box 17467, Baltimore, MD 21297-1467.

For additional information on how to help the Afghan refugees, or to donate online, visit:

<https://www.lirs.org/help-our-afghan-allies/>.

## **Haiti Earthquake Relief**



**Lutheran Disaster Response** is collaborating with partner organizations in Haiti to meet relief needs for the victims of Haiti's recent earthquake, including food, water, medical supplies and temporary shelter. In the future, other areas of support will include psychosocial care, water and sanitation, and creating sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and livestock. We also stand with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti as it assesses damage and impacts on churches and church life. For more info, visit [disaster@elca.org](mailto:disaster@elca.org).

Your gifts will support earthquake survivors. Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquake in Haiti. Make checks payable to: Lutheran Disaster Response. Write "Haiti Crisis" on your check's memo line and send to:

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,**

**P.O. Box 1809**  
**Merrifield, VA 22116-800**