

Vasa Lutheran Church

Season of Creation: Land Sunday

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, June 23, 2024

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Psalm 139:13-18

L: For it was you who formed my inward parts;

C: you knit me together in my mother's womb.

L: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

C: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

L: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
Intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

C: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
When none of them as yet existed.**

L: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

C: I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: 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.

L: God, our provider,

C: 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.

L: 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.

HYMN

MORNING HAS BROKEN

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1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
spring in completeness where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious God, **you breathe life into creation, you suffer along with all of creation, and strive to renew creation. Empower us with your breath to relieve suffering and bring renewal to the earth. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 3:14-19 14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." 16 To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." 17 And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Romans 5:12-17 12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- 13 sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. 14 Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. 16 And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. 17 If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Matthew 12:38-40 38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." 39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

1. Praise and thanks and adoration, Son of God, to you we
give,
for you chose to serve creation,
died that sinners all might live.
Dear Lord, Jesus, guide my way;
Faithful let me day by day
Follow where your steps are leading,
Find adventure, joys exceeding!

2. Hold me ever in your keeping, comfort me in pain and
strife;
Through my laughter and my weeping,
lift me to a nobler life.
Draw my fervent love to you;
Constant hope and faith renew
In your birth, your life and passion,
In your death and resurrection.

SERMON

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in the flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright on the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man.
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forever more be thine.

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.**

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.

SENDING HYMN:

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

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1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise!
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us onto the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2. God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: 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.



Paul Mikaelson, Jay
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Parish Pulse:

June 12 & 16, 2024

Participating in Worship: 63

14 live-streams

Total Offerings:

\$1,120.00

Worship Assistants Today:

Reader: B-J Norman

Comm. Asst.: Barry Skog

Worship Assistants Next Week (June 30th)

Usher: Duane Hanson

Reader: Katie Featherstone

Hospitality: Audrey Rosener

MUSIC FOR JUNE 23, 2024

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

PRAISE AND THANKS AND ADORATION

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. Lutheran Book
of Worship

Music: Trente quatre psaumes de David, Geneva,
1551

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

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

Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.

Music: Welsh folk tune

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