

Vasa Lutheran Church

Jesus Says Come and See

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Sunday, January 2, 2022

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Psalm 66:1-5

L: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

C: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

L: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

C: Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

L: All the earth worships you;

C: they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

L: Come and see what God has done:

C: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess our sin before you.

We replace compassion with competition.

We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.

We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.

We have not put on love in harmony with you.

Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.

Swaddle our hearts with your peace,

that all we do, in word or deed,

may reflect your love born among us.

Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:

God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

✠ In Christ your sins are forgiven

and you are clothed in peace.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all. **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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of all people, **you called many by name, asking them to follow Jesus and obey. Call us by name, and help us to follow and obey. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:35-51 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). 43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

HYMN WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME? ELW 798

SERMON

HYMN MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE ELW 759

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.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT:

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS:

*We will serve communion using individual portions
and you may remain in your seats.*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

L. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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: *We will remain seated and use pre-packaged communion portions today.*

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 Most High God, **you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

JESUS SHALL REIGN

ELW 434

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C: Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelsen, Jay Mikaelsen, The family of Don Eckhoff (Pastor Maureen's father), and The family of Sonia Peterson.

Free Community Dinner



Remember to get your Community Dinner reservations in by Wednesday, January 5, at NOON!

Parish Pulse:

December 24, 2021

Participating in Worship: 124

December 26, 2021

Participating in Worship: 29

Total Offerings: \$7,110.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Faith Formation

opportunities for all ages at Vasa!

- **Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 9th at 9:00 in the Lutheran Center. Faith Formation will resume on Wednesday, January 5th at 5:30 in the Lutheran Center.** We will return to using the *Friends and Heroes* curriculum featuring the animated adventures of two friends—Macky and Portia—as they fight for justice, and even survival, against the might of the Roman Empire. Class begins with an animated video which introduces a Bible story. Each week the lesson alternates between Old and New Testament lessons.

- **Adult Bible Study:** **Sunday Morning Adult Bible study will reconvene on Sunday, January 9th at 10:15 in the Fellowship Room at the Lutheran Center.** Scheduling in December got in the way for us to complete our study of the *Animals at the Manger* so we will complete it in early January. Beginning on January 23 we will have a five part Bible Study on the book of James.

January 9	<i>Animals at the Manger: Cattle</i>
January 16	<i>Animals at the Manger: Donkeys</i>
January 23	James, chapter 1
January 30	James, chapter 2
February 6	James, chapter 3
February 13	James, chapter 4
February 20	James, chapter 5

- **First Communion** for current fifth grade students will begin on Sunday, March 20 at 10:15 in the Lutheran Center. Their first communion will occur on Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:00.
- **Confirmation** for 7th and 8th graders will resume on Wednesday, January 5th at 5:30. Over the next 9 weeks we will study the 10 Commandments.

A note to the Vasa Congregation: The funeral for Pastor Maureen's father, Don Eckhoff, was on Thursday, Dec. 30 at Grace Lutheran Church in Ada, MN. As it happens sometimes in life, Pastor's maternal uncle died on Christmas Eve and his funeral was also on that day: one funeral in the morning and the second in the afternoon at the same church. Knowing that prayer is important, she is grateful that she is being supported by the prayers of Vasa's members.



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