

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Lord's Prayer: Save Us From Times of Trial and Deliver Us from Evil

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Sunday, September 5, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

L: We know we cannot and do not want to hide from you, God,

C: And yet we continue to try to fool you.

L: Help us to stop trying to keep secrets from you and ourselves.

C: Help us to face the truth and speak it aloud to someone else.

L: We need to know that we are not alone amidst the world's evils.

C: We want to find people who help us trust your love.

L: Deliver us from evil.

C: Save us from the time of trial.

L: Save us, in Jesus' name.

C: Amen

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.**

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:

L: Thank you for clothing us in your armor, God,

C: May we dare to shield ourselves with your truth.

L: Protect us with your unbeatable Spirit,

C: And deliver us from caving in to sin.

L: Help us to know your kingdom, God,

C: So that we can choose it over the kingdoms of the world.

L: Save us from the time of trial,

C: And deliver us from evil. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 6:10-17 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Luke 4:1-13 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' 11 and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 12 Jesus

answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Sixth Petition

Save us from the time of trial.

What is this? or What does this mean?

It is true that God tempts no one, but we ask in this prayer that God would preserve and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins, and that, although we may be attacked by them, we may finally prevail and gain the victory.

The Seventh Petition

And deliver us from evil.

What is this? or What does this mean?

We ask in this prayer, as in a summary, that our Father in heaven may deliver us from all kinds of evil—affecting body or soul, property or reputation—and at last, when our final hour comes, may grant us a blessed end and take us by grace from this valley of tears to himself in heaven.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN:

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

ELW 733

SERMON

HYMN

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

ELW 870

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: *After the consecration of the communion elements you will be invited to open your pre-packaged portions and share in Holy Communion*

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.

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.**

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 Jesus, Bread of life, **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND

ELW 891

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, Grace Nelson, Zac Carlson, and John Gardiner.



If you wish to make a monetary contribution to Vasa Lutheran church, an offering plate is located on the picnic table.

Parish Pulse:

August 29, 2021

Participating in Worship:
55 (+ 10 at WEW 09/012021)
Total Offerings: \$3,185.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

*Usher: **Randy Klein***
*Reader: **Katie Lindahl***
*Communion Asst: **Mike Carlson***

Assisting Next Week:

*Usher: **Jason Pagel***
*Reader: **TBD***

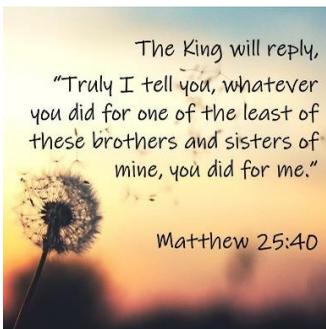


Looking for an "over the winter" indoor project? Vasa has three picnic tables that need to be sanded down and re-painted. We will move them to your shed/garage. We will also provide the paint. Contact Pastor Maureen.



New Members Are Joining

There are a number of people who have expressed interest in becoming members of Vasa. Therefore, Vasa will be receiving New Members on Sunday, September 26th during the worship service. Contact Pastor Maureen or the church office if you also are interested!



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.

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:

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