

Vasa Lutheran Church

“God Helps Those that Help Themselves.”

Bill Peterson, worship leader

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

July 16, 2023

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Today’s Bumper Sticker is: “God helps those that help themselves. The folly is that God appreciates self-reliance. Jesus came to serve, not to be served. God asks us to be totally reliant on God while recognizing that God uses humans to accomplish God’s work in the world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God’s mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus Christ.

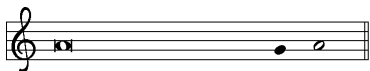
Amen.

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.

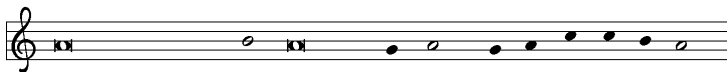
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



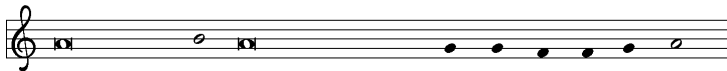
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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: Sovereign God, **you turn your greatness into goodness for all the people on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: John 13:1-20

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4 got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord-- and you are right, for that is what I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. 18 I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' 19 I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. 20 Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

ELW 708

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

HERE I AM LORD

ELW 574

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

SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

ELW 655

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed

✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.



**Eileen Anderson,
Irene Carpenter, Deloris
Clemens, Paul Mikaelson,
Scott Sorenson, Max
Tilderquist, Ivan Nelson,
and Dale Safe.**

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Marv Fredrickson
Reader: Jim Hedeon
Hospitality: Arleen Stahnke

Worship Assistants Next Week (07/23/2023)

Usher: Duane Hanson
Reader: Mo Hauck
Hospitality: Marilyn Hanson

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

God Is Here!

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Here I Am Lord!

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Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: Daniel L. Schutte

Son of God Eternal Savior

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

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PARISH PULSE:

July 9, 2023

Participating in Worship:

49

+8 live-streams

Total Offerings:

\$19,913.19



The next women's Bible Study will be on July 19th, from 9:30-11:00AM, at the home of Marilyn Hanson.



**American
Red Cross**

VASA'S NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS JULY 27TH FROM 1:00-7:00 & JULY 28TH FROM 9:00-2:00. You can schedule by calling 1-800-733-2767, or by visiting RedCrossBlood.org. Enter Vasa Lutheran to schedule your appointment.



We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others, and
Welcoming and loving all!