

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Paul's Mission!*

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Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY Matthew 10:40-42**

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

### **GATHERING HYMN**

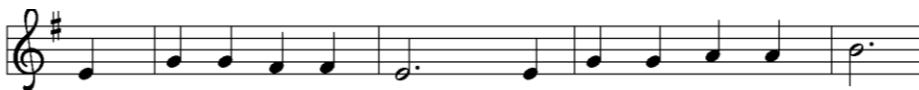
### **WHAT IS THIS PLACE?**

**ELW 524**

### **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**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of all, **you opened your gates wide to receive all your children into the heavenly kingdom. Help us to be vehicles of promise and proclamation for all who will listen, so that every soul might live in your grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING: Selected verses from Acts 13 and 14**

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man sprang up and began to walk. When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language,

"The gods have come down to us in human form!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, "Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good-- giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy." Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**HYMN**

**THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY**

**ELW 588**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**BAPTIZED AND SET FREE**

**ELW 453**

*We will sing verses 1 and 2.*

## **BAPTISM OF the Anderson twins**

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your sons Ashton Carter and Weston Brooks baptized into Christ? If so say, "I do."

Response: I do.

As you bring Ashton and Weston to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Ashton and Weston grow in the Christian faith and life?

Mitch and Meagan respond: I do.

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

Sponsors respond: I do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Ashton and Weston and pray for them in their 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**

Ashton Carter 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 first son 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.

Ashton Carter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Weston Brooks 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 second son 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.

Weston Brooks, 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.**

### **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.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*We will receive communion by intinction. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You don't need to be a member of Vasa, nor do you need to be a Lutheran to receive the body and blood of Christ today. Gluten free portions and non-alcoholic wine are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children are welcome to come forward and will receive a blessing.*

**COMMUNION BLESSING:** The body and blood of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ strengthen you and give you peace. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Gracious God, **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE**

**ELW 385**

## GENEROSITY MOMENT

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

#### Worship Assistants Today:

**Usher:** Bruce Tilderquist  
**Reader:** Kathy Tilderquist  
**Hospitality:** Marilyn Hanson  
**Comm/ Asst.:**

#### Worship Assistants Next Week (05/7/2023)

**Usher:** Kevin Eckblad  
**Reader:** Jeannette Anderson  
**Hospitality:** Arleen Stahnke  
**Comm. Asst:**



Eileen Anderson, Irene

Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul

Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker, Scott

Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Agi

TriFontaine, Nancy Trelstad, Jake

Jacobson, Brad Volz, Dale Anderson, Ivan

Nelson, and Duane Thompson.

#### PARISH PULSE:

April 23 & 25, 2023

Participating in Worship: **87**

+14 live-streams

Total Offerings: \$6,535.00

## MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

### What is This Place?

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### There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: North American, 19th cent.

### Baptized and Set Free

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Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956

Music: Cathy Skogen-Soldner

### Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

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Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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**The May 2023 Community dinner is on May 10.** This will be the last one of the year and the menu will be Pulled Pork Sandwiches, potato chips, baked beans, and a brownie.

Don't forget your Food Shelf donations! **Meal reservation**

**deadline is Wednesday, May 3 at NOON!!**





Good Earth Village has been listed in Newsweek's top 500 camps in the United States. According to the Newsweek article, they screened 12,000 different camps throughout the United States and Good Earth Village made the cut! It's not too late to register your child(ren) to attend. Vasa Congregation believes strongly in supporting families that want to send their children to camp and as such will cover 75% of your cost. For more information about summer camp programs go to [goodearthvillage.org](http://goodearthvillage.org).



Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, and by the east door. They were moved there when we resumed in-person worship after the pandemic. They are there to receive your offering as you enter the sanctuary. Electronic giving is also available.



The recent Vasa Rummage Sale was a HUGE success, netting just shy of \$6,000! Some of the proceeds from the sale were used to purchase new 8 foot tables for the LC, replacing the heavy ones which have been used for so many years. Many, many thanks to all who donated items, volunteered to organize and work the sale, and clean up afterwards. Look for more updates in the May issue of the Vasa Voice!

**CLOTHING DONATIONS:** *Vasa will continue to accept clothing, shoes, purses, and bedding donations through the end of May. Bag these items in large garbage bags and bring them to classroom #3 (the split classroom) in the Lutheran Center. The Epilepsy Foundation will pay us for these items, with all funds going toward upkeep of*