

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Loving Your Neighbor & the Stranger*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, August 7, 2022**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves**

**and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**MY GOD, HOW WONDERFUL THOU ART**

**ELW 863**

## **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.**

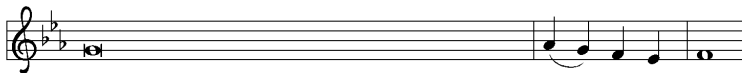
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



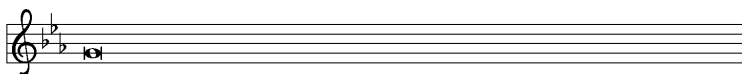
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



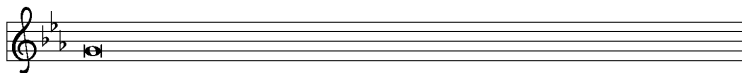
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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, a - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Holy God of compassion, **you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Leviticus 19:9-18, 33-37**

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: **I am the LORD your God.** 11 You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. 12 And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: **I am the LORD.** 13 You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. 14 You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: **I am the LORD.** 15 You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: **I am the LORD.** 17 You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: **I am the LORD.**

**Leviticus 19:33-37** When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. 34 The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: **I am the LORD your God.** 35 You shall not cheat in measuring length, weight, or quantity. 36 You shall have honest balances, honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: **I am the LORD your God,** who brought you out of the land of Egypt. 37 You shall keep all my statutes and all my ordinances, and observe them: **I am the LORD.**

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN                    LORD OF ALL NATIONS, GRANT ME GRACE                    ELW 716**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY                    WE ARE CALLED                    ELW 720**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**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:**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.  
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **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**

*Communion will be served as we kneel at the railing. There are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine available for those with dietary restrictions. Children are always welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. You are welcome to take a pre-packaged portion if you wish to remain in your seat.*

### **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** Life-giving God, **through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**CANTICLE OF THE TURNING**

**ELW 723**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

The God of peace,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,

and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Jake Jacobson,  
and Paul and Jay Mikaelson (in Bolivia).**

### **Music for Sunday, August 7, 2022**

#### ***My God, How Wonderful Thou Art***

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863

Music: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

#### ***Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace***

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Music: Šamotulský Kancionál, 1561

#### ***We Are Called***

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#### ***Canticle of the Turning***

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### **Worship Assistants Today:**

Usher/Hospitality: Kent V. & Deb D.

Reader: B-J Norman

Communion Asst: Mo Hauck

### **Worship Assistants next week (Aug. 7)**

Usher/Hospitality: Roger Guttromson

Reader: Jason Pagel

### **Parish Pulse:**

#### **July 31 & August 3, 2022**

Participating in Worship: 42

+12 concurrent live-streams

Total Offerings: \$1,010.00

**The Cemetary committee will be weed  
whipping the church property on  
Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting  
at 9:00AM. We appreciate all help!**

- **VBS is coming up quick – August 15-18! Registration forms are available on the Vasa Website, and also at church or in the church office.**
- **Correction: The Church Council will meet August 22, not August 15 (because of VBS).**



*We, the Vasa Congregation,  
Called by God, commit to:  
Worshipping together,  
Growing in Faith,  
Serving Others, and  
Welcoming and Loving All.*