

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Swords into Plowshares*

Pastor Maureen Hagen    Accompanist – Anne Anderson

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,  
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.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.  
We have ignored voices  
that call for your justice.  
We have neglected actions  
that witness to your righteousness.  
We have spoken and acted  
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.  
We truly repent of things we have done  
and left undone.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Restore our troubled spirits,  
so that we may live in newness,  
follow the way of the Spirit,  
and build up the body of Christ.  
Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,  
and restores us to life through the death  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

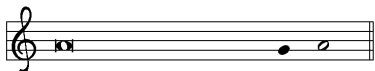
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN    HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!    ELW 413**

## **GREETING**

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.



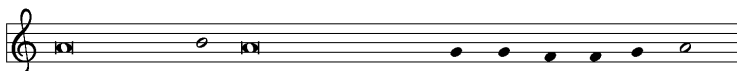
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of deliverance, **you promised prosperity and peace to the exiles of Jerusalem. Grant us to prosper, not for riches, but for faith, so that our lives may be a blessing to all. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE TEXT: Selected verses from the prophet Isaiah**

**Isaiah 36:1-3** In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, King Sennacherib of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. 2 The king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem, with a great army. He stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field. 3 And there came out to him Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder.

**Isaiah 36:13-20** Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! 14 Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you. 15 Do not let Hezekiah make you rely on the LORD by saying, The LORD will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.' 16 Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make your peace with me and come out to me; then everyone of you will eat from your own vine and your own fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, 17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. 18 Do not let Hezekiah mislead you by saying, The LORD will save us. Has any of the gods of the nations saved their land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? 20 Who among all the gods of these countries have saved their countries out of my hand, that the LORD should save Jerusalem out of my hand?'"

**Isaiah 37:1-7** When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. 2 And he sent Eliakim, who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. 3 They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of distress, of rebuke, and of disgrace; children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring them forth. 4 It may be that the LORD your God heard the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to mock the living God, and will rebuke the words that the LORD your God has heard; therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left." 5 When the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah, 6 Isaiah said to them, "Say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me. 7 I myself will put a spirit in him, so that he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.'"

**Isaiah 2:1-4** The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

**HYMN**                                    **GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY**                                    **ELW 705**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**                    **NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD**                                    **ELW 840**

### **PROFESSION 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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition will end with the words, "Lord, in your mercy,"  
Please respond with "**hear our prayer.**"

### **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

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.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, amen.**

## **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** *We will receive communion by intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children are welcome to join you and will receive a blessing.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** We give you thanks, **most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT**

**ELW 866**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

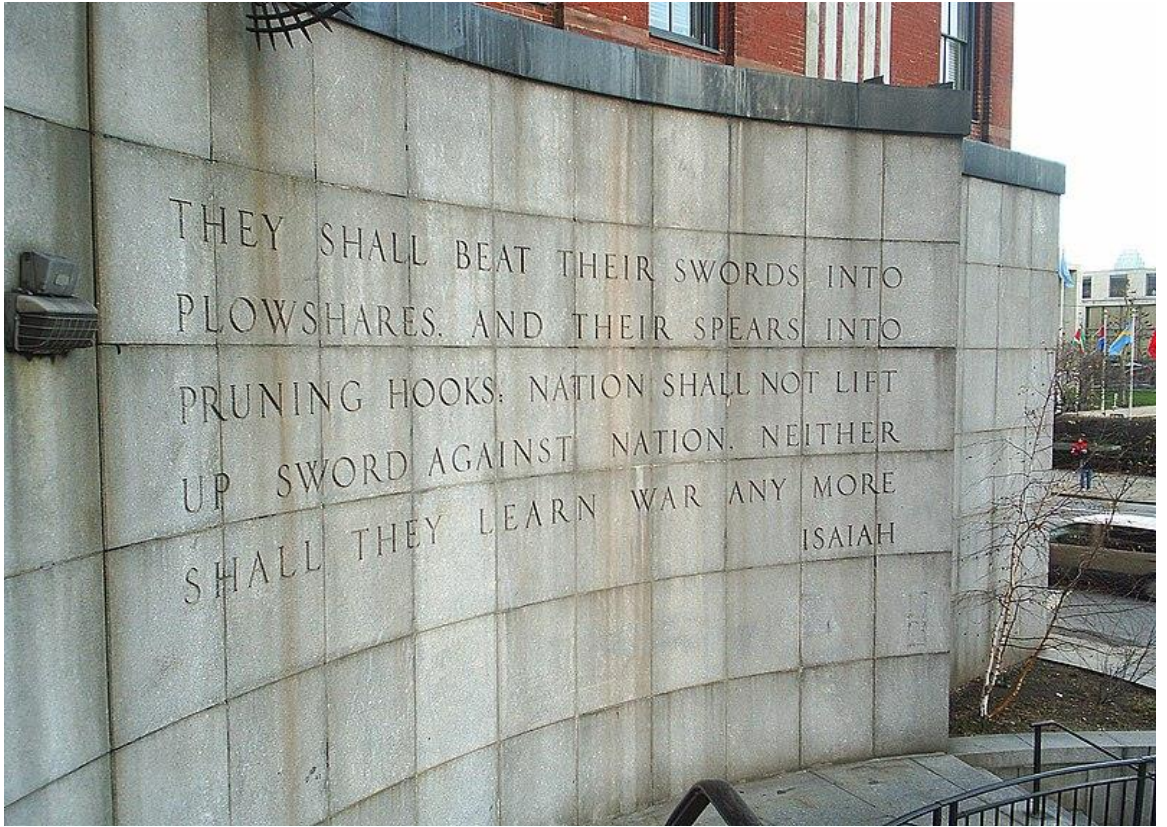
The God of peace,  
who creates all things and calls them good,  
who makes us alive in Jesus,  
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, be a blessing to the world.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



Isaiah Wall, United Nations Way, Manhattan, New York City



**Music for Sunday, November 20, 2022**

***Holy Holy Holy, Lord God, Almighty***

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

***God of Grace and God of Glory***

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

***Now Thank We All Our God***

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr.

Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

***We Are Marching in the Light Of God***

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**Worship Assistants Today**

Usher: **Roger Guttromson**

Reader: **Mo Hauck**

Communion Asst: **Greg Drewianka**

Hospitality: **Mo Hauck**

**Worship Assistants Next  
Week(11/27)**

Usher: ***volunteer needed***

Reader: **Marilyn Hanson**

Hospitality: ***volunteer needed***

***Winter Address Update:***

Duane Thompson

2400 East Baseline, Site 186

Apache Junction, AZ 85119

Parish Pulse:

**November 13, 2022**

Participating in Worship: **78**

+ **16 WEW Nov 9&16**

+ **12** concurrent live-streams

Total Offerings: \$2,320.00



**American Red Cross**

The next Vasa Blood Drive is November 22<sup>nd</sup> (1pm-7pm) and November 23<sup>rd</sup> (9am-2pm). Blood is needed, and there are plenty of appointments still available. So if you are able to donate, please do. Donations of power reds are also being taken. To schedule an appointment, Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Questions? Call Kathy Tilderquist (612-554-1256)

**Bells of the Bluffs**  
Handbell Ensemble

*We Need a Little Christmas*

Saturday, December 3, 2022  
3:00 PM  
St. Angaars Lutheran Church  
7459 MN-19, Cannon Falls, MN

Free Will Offering at both events

Sunday, December 4, 2022  
4:00 PM  
First Lutheran Church  
615 W 5th Street, Red Wing, MN  
Silent Auction in Red Wing

**At Vasa This Week:**

- ❖ **Tuesday, Nov 22**
  - 9:30 Coffee & Conversation
  - 1:00pm-7:00pm Blood Drive
- ❖ **Wednesday Nov 23**
  - 9:00am – 2:00pm Blood Drive

*NO EVENING FAITH FORMATION EVENTS*

- ❖ **Sunday, November 27**
  - 9:00 First Advent – Service of the Word (+ Sunday School @ LC)



Time to put in your order(s) for the Christmas Poinsettia Garden! Forms are at the back of the church in the gathering space. Orders are due December 4.