

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Seeing Jesus*

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**Sunday, March 21, 2021**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us.**

**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined  
and mend what we have torn.**

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**

**Make us alive in the Spirit**

**to follow in the way of Jesus,**

**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH**

**ELW 510**

#### **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.**

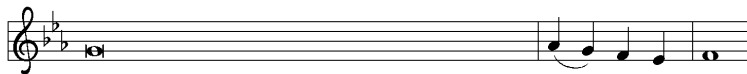
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



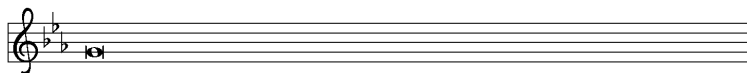
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



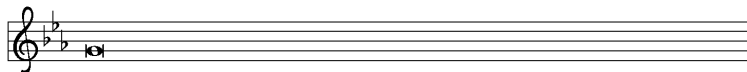
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Lord of the lost, **We are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord. Amen**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Psalms 84:1-4 and 10-12**

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**C: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

L: Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young at your altars,  
**C: O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.  
Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.**

L: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

L: For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
he bestows favor and honor.

**C: No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.  
O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

**Luke 18:31 - 19:10** 31 Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. 33 After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." 34 But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

35 As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. 37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." 38 Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." 42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." 43 Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE:    Blind Man sits by the Road**

Blind man sits by the road and he cries  
Blind man sits by the road and he cries  
Blind man sits by the road and he cries  
He cries whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa

Show me the way  
Show me the way  
Show me the way  
The way to go home

1 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." 9 Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE:    Zaccheus**

Zaccheus was a wee little man  
A wee little man was he.  
He climbed up in a sycamore tree  
For the Lord he wanted to see.  
And as the Savior passed that way  
He looked up in the tree.  
And he said, "Zaccheus, you come down,  
For I'm going to your house today.  
I'm going to your house to stay."

L: Word of God, word of life,  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **MEDITATION**

**HYMN**

**LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS**

**ELW 802**

## **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:** After the words of institution you will be invited to partake in the body and blood of Christ. We believe that God is present with us in our homes as we share in this sacred meal.

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.**

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

### **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** God of steadfast love, **at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN:**

### **BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS**

**ELW 338**

### **BLESSING**

You are what God made you to be:  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved,  
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson, Paul Mikaelson, Gloria Skog, Bob Crouse, Pauline Carlson, Einar Norman, Merle Pearson.

Parish Pulse:

**March 14**

Participating in Worship: All – In Spirit  
(31 in-person + 19 for Lenten Worship  
3/10)

Total Offerings: \$2,340.00



Our Lenten theme is Suffering and Redemption: the Women of Genesis. Each week as a part of worship we will read a difficult story from the book of Genesis. March 24 is our last Lenten worship for the season. That evening we will hear the story of Tamar: Cast Out and Made Right from Genesis 38.



Order forms for Easter Lilies are located at the back of the church and in the Lutheran Center. We are ordering from *Blooms on Broadway* and this is Beth's form. **Please do not call her with your order!**

Instead, leave orders in the basket (like the Community Dinner reservations) and Emily will phone the order in on March 22. Make checks payable to Vasa Lutheran with *Easter Flowers* on the memo line.



Reservations are being taken for the April 14 Community Dinner. Call or email the church office and leave a message with your name, phone number, number of meals desired and please specify if you want the meal(s) delivered. We prepped and distributed around 325 meals in March, so get your order in early! Deadline for reservations is April 7 at 1:00.



By the way, if you have any empty containers like this cool whip one, the Community Dinner folks could use them. They are great for food prep, food storage, etc. With our recent meal successes, we're running low! Please drop off the containers at the Lutheran Center, or bring them to church!

MANY THANKS!!!



Don't forget to donate your Thrivent Choice Dollars! It's super easy—just call 1-800-847-4836, say 'Thrivent Choice' and they will help you from there! OR, you can also call your Thrivent Representative or you may also go online to Thrivent Choice Dollars. **The deadline to make donation arrangements is March 31.**



Mark your calendar for the **Vasa Rummage Sale** to be held on **April 22-23**. Items (including clothing) may be dropped off at the Lutheran Center beginning Sunday, April 18.



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