

Vasa Lutheran Church

8th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Tim Seitz

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Sunday, July, 19th 2026

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

L: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

ELW 693

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Faithful God, most merciful judge, **you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

PSALM 86:11-17

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

13 For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

**14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people
seeks my life;**

they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy on me;

**give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your
handmaid.**

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put
to shame;

because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

24 [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while everybody was
asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.

26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow
good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered,

'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and
gather them?' 29 But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot
the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and
at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in
bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached
him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered,
"The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and
the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil
one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the
age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up
with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels,
and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they
will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

ELW 656

SERMON

HYMN

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

ELW 465

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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION : Each petition will end with the words: God of Grace. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share God's peace with one another.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Give us the courage to follow in the footsteps of Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying...

**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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.**
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O LIVING BREAD FROM HEVEAN

ELW 542

ANNOUNCEMENTS

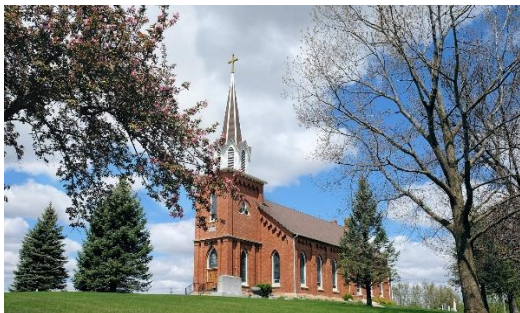
BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God.





Wendy Anderson, Jay
Mikaelsen, Scott
Sorenson, Lorrie
Samuelson, Lynda
Rosener, Terri Fredin,
Connor Michalicek
(Rosann Pearson's
grandson), Jake
Jacobson, Rachel Harper
(Barry Skog's Niece)

Parish Pulse:

July 12

Participating in Worship: 52

+ 56 Live Streams

Total Offerings:

July 12

\$1,760

Worship Assistants Today

July 19

Musician: Anne Anderson

Usher: Duane Hanson

Lector: Barry Skog

Hospitality: Marilyn Hanson

Communion Asst.: *Volunteer Needed*

Worship Assistants Next Week

July 26

Musician: Anne Anderson

Usher: Bryan Diercks

Lector: Kathy Tilderquist

Hospitality: Lora Gruber

MUSIC FOR JULY 19, 2026

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

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BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

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Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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