

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Man Born Blind

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Sunday, February 27, 2022

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Psalm 27:1-4

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

C: whom shall I fear?

L: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

C: of whom shall I be afraid?

L: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh-- my adversaries and foes—

C: they shall stumble and fall.

L: Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;

**C: though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.**

L: One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:

**C: to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

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 your beloved children.

**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.

We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born
among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!

ELW 314

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with
you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of vision, **Too often we are spiritually blindfolded,
unable to see you at work in our world. Remove barriers that keep us from
seeing. Help us to be light for others. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 9:1-41

This reading is found on pages 871-72 of the pew Bible.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

AMAZING GRACE

ELW 779

SERMON

HYMN

BE THOU MY VISION

ELW 793

CONFESSION OF FAITH using the words of the Apostles' Creed
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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
**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

**GENEROSITY MOMENT:
PRAYER FOR UKRAINE
SENDING HYMN:**

BE STILL, MY SOUL



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
2 Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past,
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



in ev - 'ry change God faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

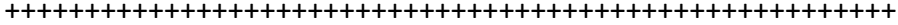
God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Paul
Mikaelsen, Jay Mikaelsen, and Dan Hedeem, Evans Josephson, and the family of
Violet Nelson



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

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