

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Seven Practices of Jesus: Peacemaking*

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Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, July 18, 2021**

**ANNOUNCING THE DAY:** Contemporary Christian activist Jim Wallis has said, "People who believe in war leave all behind, prepared to die: what price are we prepared to pay to be a people who believe in peace? Those who keep faith to the end will know their weakness the best. God, grant me the courage; help me, that I may plant seeds of peace."

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Almighty God, **all thoughts of truth and peace come from you. Kindle in the hearts of all your children the love of peace, and guide with your wisdom the leaders of the nations, so that your kingdom will go forth in peace and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

L: For everything there is a season,

**C: and a time for every matter under heaven:**

L: a time to be born, and a time to die;

**C: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;**

L: a time to kill, and a time to heal;

**C: a time to break down, and a time to build up;**

L: a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

**C: a time to mourn, and a time to dance;**

L: a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

**C: a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;**

L: a time to seek, and a time to lose;

**C: a time to keep, and a time to throw away;**

L: a time to tear, and a time to sew;

**C: a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;**

L: a time to love, and a time to hate;

**C: a time for war, and a time for peace.**

**Matthew 5:1-12** When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN:**

**BLEST ARE THEY**

**ELW 728**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

**LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE**

**ELW 710**

**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.**

### **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS:** *After the consecration of the communion elements you will be invited to come up the center aisle to receive communion by intinction.*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**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;  
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.**

### **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** Jesus, Bread of life, **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**CANTICLE OF THE TURNING**

**ELW 723**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** We profess to be people of peace, Lord, but keep us from the temptation to proclaim peace when there is no peace. Show us today where peace is most needed in our community and in our world. Show us which of us must plant the seeds of peace, which of us must water them, and which of us must yet become gardeners of your peace. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson,  
Irene Carpenter, and Paul Mikaelson.

Parish Pulse:

**July 11, 2021**

Participating in Worship:

38 (+ 5 WEW 7/14/21)

Total Offerings: \$2,140.00

**Assisting with Worship Today:**

**Usher: Mike Carlson**

**Reader: Sid Featherstone**

**Communion Assistant: Kevin Eckblad**

**Assisting Next week:**

***Usher: Jason Stahnke***

***Reader: Marcia Featherstone***





Join us for coffee and conversation every Tuesday morning at 9:30!



**Vasa v. Cross of Christ Softball Game**  
**Monday, July 19, 2021**  
**7:30pm – Anderson Park (Red Wing)**



Following Worship today, we will celebrate Pastor Maureen's Birthday! Refreshments and treats will be served immediately following the service.

Speaking of birthdays, Jeannette Larson will be celebrating her 99th birthday on the 29th of July. She would enjoy birthday greetings. While we know her as Jeannette, her given first name is Hazel and that name needs to be on the envelope. Send cards to:

Hazel J. Larson  
Room 302  
Deercrest Assisted Living  
470 Hewitt Blvd  
Red Wing, MN 55066



**American Red Cross Blood Drive, July 29-30.**  
**Call 1-800 733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to reserve your spot.**



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