

Vasa Lutheran Church

Fish for People

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Sunday, January 26, 2025

OPENING WORDS

P: O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

C: as the day rises to meet the sun.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

P: Come let us bend the knee:

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us,

we confess that we have turned away

those seeking shelter,

claiming there is no room when we have plenty.

We have made power and wealth our idols,

while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.

We have overlooked the shepherds,

expecting good news in prettier packaging.

Too often, we have valued violence

instead of your peace.

Turn us from our ways to your ways.

Grant us the grace to begin again.

Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin,

through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

Hear the good news and rejoice!

You are God's chosen ones,

holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ,

and freed to respond in joy.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord Jesus of fisher folk, **you taught your disciples to cast a wide net – not for fish, but for people. Teach us the fishing craft. Make our fingers nimble so we may handle hearts and hands gently; make our minds quiet and patient while we wait for those who are not yet ready to receive you; and make our hearts hungry for your word, for the sake of the one who has captured our hearts already, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 90:14-17

L: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

C: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

L: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,

C: and as many years as we have seen evil.

L: Let your work be manifest to your servants,

C: and your glorious power to their children.

L: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

C: and prosper for us the work of our hands—

O prosper the work of our hands!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 5:1-11 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

SUNG RESPONSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

MY GOD, HOW WONDERFUL THOU ART

ELW 863

SERMON

HYMN

AMAZING GRACE

ELW 779

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: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

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

SENDING HYMN THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

ELW 551

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you:

C: Wherever he may send you;

P: May he guide you through the wilderness:

C: Protect you through the storm;

P: May he bring you home rejoicing:

C: At the wonders he has shown you;

P: May he bring you home rejoicing:

C: Once again into our doors. Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C: Thanks be to God.



Paul Mikaelsen, Jay Mikaelsen, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Anne Rathman, Lorrie Samuelson, Dale Anderson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Carolyn Lindstrom, Merle Pearson, Yvonne Belin, Sarah Jacobson Parker, Brad Ahrens (Sue Hedeem's brother), Terri Fredin, and Terri Mandelkow.

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Sid Featherstone

Reader: Geri Lindholm

Hospitality: Marcia Featherstone

Worship Assistants Next Week (February 2)

Usher: Roger Guttromson

Reader: Tim Carlson

Hospitality: Dawn Lindstrom

Comm Asst: B-J Norman

Parish Pulse:

January 15 & 19

Participating in Worship: 44

+ 18 Live Stream

Total Offerings:

January 12: \$3,620.00

MUSIC FOR January 26, 2025

DEAREST JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3;
Gesangbuch, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine
Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: Johann
R. Ahle, 1625–1673

MY GOD, HOW WONDERFUL THOU ART

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863
Music: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615

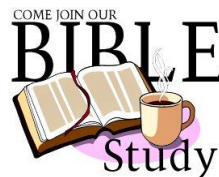
AMAZING GRACE

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4;
anonymous, st. 5
Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835;
arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt.

THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

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The Ages and Stages
Bible Study will meet
on Wednesday,
February 5, 2025
from 9:30-11:00.



We are in need of people
who are available after
church to help count
offering on an on-call
basis. This is NOT a
monthly commitment at
this time. See Kathy
Tilderquist or call the
office if you are able to
help with this request.



The Offering plates are
located at the back of
the sanctuary, and by
the East Door. They are
there to receive your
offering as you enter
for worship.