Vasa Lutheran Church

Confirmation Sunday

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Sunday, November 15, 2026

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT ELW 715
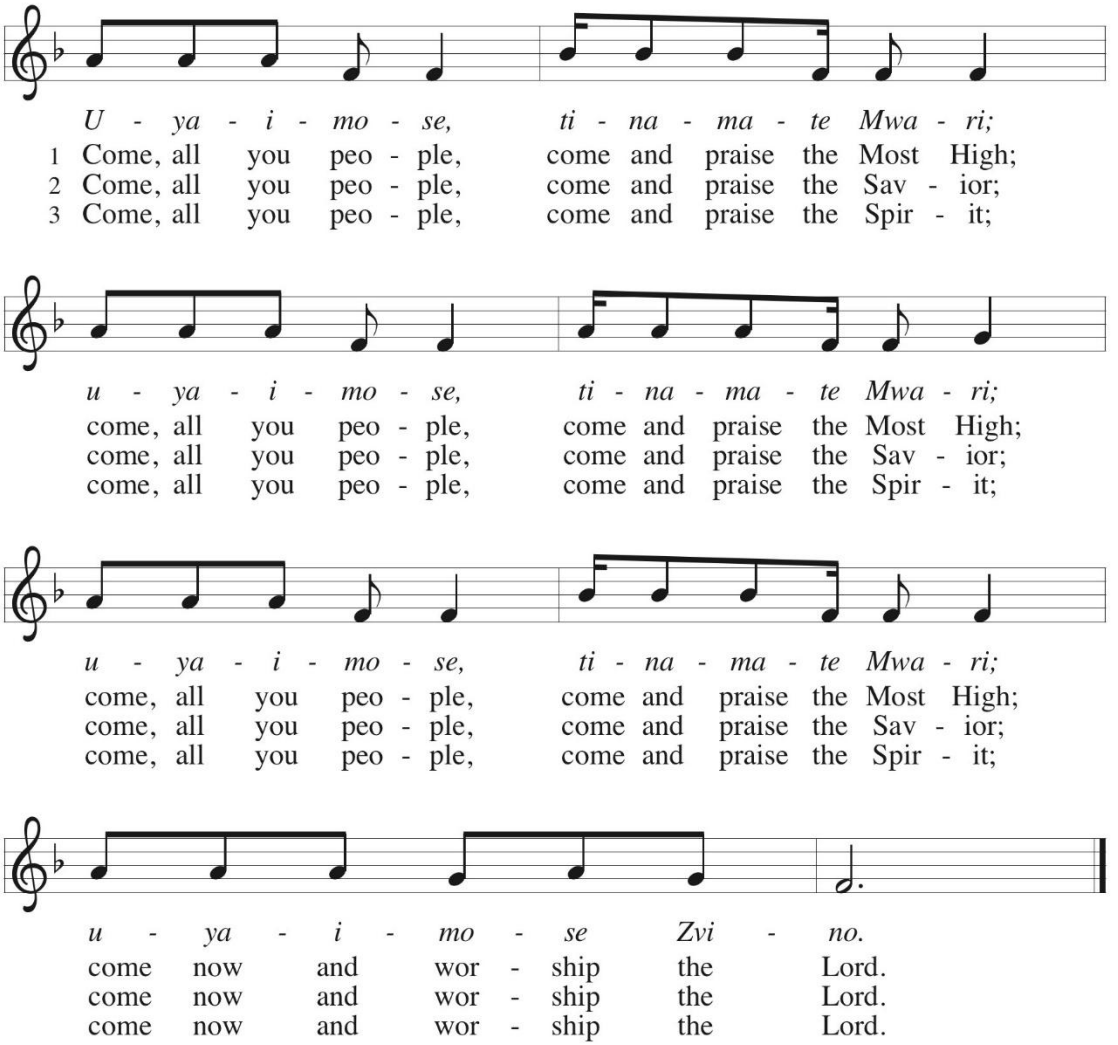
GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, All You People

Uyaimose



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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Righteous God, our merciful master**, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

PSALM 90: 1-12
Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;
you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25: 14-30
[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you

were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS ELW 445

CONFIRMANDS WILL SHARE THEIR FAITH STATEMENTS
PASTOR WILL SHARE A REFLECTION

HYMN BAPTIZED AND SET FREE ELW 453
AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION
P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for

- Allison Finne
- Larissa Fredin
- Jaysa O'Connor
- Avery Schaffer

one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism on this day.
P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
C: Amen.
PROFESSION OF FAITH
P: At your baptism, your parents and sponsors spoke for you and confessed that for a time, they would maintain faithfulness for you. On this day you are speaking for yourself. Therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Confirmands: I renounce them.
P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.
P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Confirmands: I renounce them.
CONGREGATION, PLEASE RISE

P: Do you believe in God the Father?
All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
All: 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.
P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
All: 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.

AFFIRMATION
P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.
P: People of God, do you promise to support these our siblings in Christ and pray for them in their life in Christ?
All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.
CONGREGATION MAY BE SEATED

At this time, the confirmands, their parents, baptismal sponsors, and family will gather at the front of the altar. Confirmands may kneel and their family will gather behind and around them.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new

Stir up in our confirmands the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**
Please join me in welcoming our confirmands as full members into our community.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: God, in your mercy, 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
Offering plate will be passed for those wishing to give

HOLY COMMUNION
The confirmands and their families are invited to come for the first serving.

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 around the altar. 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 DEAREST JESUS, WE ARE HERE ELW 443

ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.
DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.



Rita Pearson Wendy Anderson, Scott Sorenson, Lorrie Samuelson, Lynda Rosener, Connor Michalicek (Rosann Pearson's grandson), Rachel Harper (Barry Skog's Niece)

Parish Pulse
November 8th
Participating in worship 30
+ 50 Live Streaming
Total Offerings: 1,070

There will be cake after service today to celebrate of our confirmands

Temple talk is today following service. Presentation of MSP, search for new pastor

Welcome Assistant to the Bishop- Reverend Barb Streed.

Worship Assistants Today
November 15th
Musician: Anne Anderson
Usher: Kevin Eckblad
Lector:Jeannette Anderson
Hospitality: Sue Ness
Communion Asst.:

Worship Assistants Next Week
November 22nd
Musician: Anne Anderson
Usher: Rick Samuelson
Lector: Barry Skog
Hospitality: Sue Hedeen

Today we witness 4 young women affirming their faith in Jesus
Allison Finne- Daughter of Christopher & Kerry
Larissa Fredin- Daughter of Ross & Theresa
Jaysa O'Connor- Daughter of Ben & Nikki
Avery Schaffer- Daughter of Christopher & Amy

Altar flowers given today by Tim and Melanie Carlson in memory of Marilyn Carlson.