

Vasa Lutheran Church

Jesus and the Gerasene Demoniac

Pastor Maureen Hagen Accompanist – Anne Anderson

Sunday, January 21, 2024

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Psalm 89:1-4

L: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

C: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

L: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

C: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

L: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

C: I have sworn to my servant David:

**'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'**

L: The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another

and sinned against you.

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant. Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

We will sing verses 1-3, and 5.

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.

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.


HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister




Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



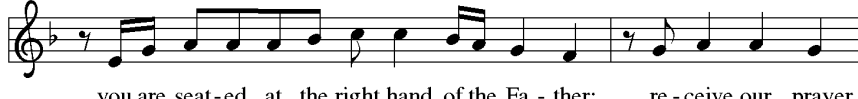
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,




you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

HOLY 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.*

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen, amen, 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;
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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: Giver of every gift, **Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

L: God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

L: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.



Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelson,
Jay Mikaelson, Scott Sorenson,
Max Tilderquist, Anne Rathman,
Wendy Anderson, Geri Lindholm,
Kevin Eckblad, Bob Sammelson
Norlene Josephson, and Dale
Anderson.

Parish Pulse:

Jan 14

Participating in Worship: 43

+22 live-streams

Total Offerings:

\$3,210.00

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Marv Fredrickson

Reader: Melanie Carlson

Comm. Asst: Barry Skog

Hospitality: Mo Hauck

Worship Assistants Next Week (January 28)

Usher: Duane Hanson

Reader: Mo Hauck

Hospitality: Mo Hauck



Volunteer help needed:

Vasa will need one or two people for the **Property** team, one or two people for the **Parish Life team**, and one or two people to assist in what are sometimes called "**altar guild**" duties. If the Spirit is moving you to become more deeply involved at Vasa please contact Pastor Maureen.

MUSIC FOR JANUARY 21, 2024

GREAT GOD, YOUR LOVE HAS CALLED US

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GOD WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

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