

Vasa Lutheran Church

God is With Us: in the Storm

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Nick Kees

Sunday, September 11, 2022

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN LORD, JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW ELW 527

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.

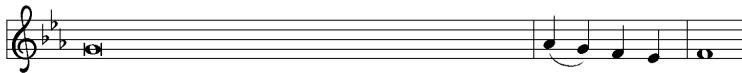
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



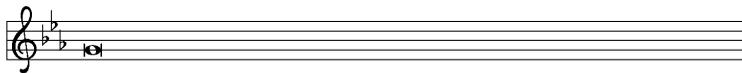
Lord, have mer - cy.



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, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of promise, **you set a bow in the sky to remind us that you will never again forsake your creation. Make us ever mindful of your promise, so that we might honor our covenant with you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 6:5-22, 8:6-12, and 9:8-17

Genesis 6:5-22 The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 So the LORD said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created-- people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD. 9 These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. 15 This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 16 Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. 17 For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19 And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. 21 Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them." 22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Genesis 8:6-12 At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made 7 and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. 8 Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; 9 but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. 10 He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; 11

Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Wyatt grow in the Christian faith and life?
Kimberly and Zachery respond: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Wyatt in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
Jennifer, Andrew and Madison respond: I do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Wyatt and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

BAPTISM

Wyatt Salem Wojahn is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Wyatt with 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.

Wyatt Salem Wojahn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

HYMN

I'M GOING ON A JOURNEY

ELW 446

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

**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

SENDING HYMN: LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING ELW 545

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
C: Thanks be to God.



**Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Irene Carpenter, Grace Nelson,
and Jessie Otto.**

Parish Pulse:

**Sept 4, 2022 (+ WEW 8/31 &
9/7)**

Participating in Worship: 57
+7 concurrent live-streams

Total Offerings: \$1,385.00



**TIME CHANGE FOR WEDNESDAYS –
Starting Wednesday, Sept. 14, Confirmation
classes will begin at 5:45pm. Wednesday Evening
Worship will begin at 6:45.**

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher/Hospitality: Rick Samuelson

Reader: Jeannette Anderson

**Intergenerational Worship is
next week (Sept 18). Families will
volunteer to be worship assistants.**

Music for Sunday, September 11, 2022

Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598–1662; tr. Catherine
Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: Cationale Germanicum, Gochsheim, 1628
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This is My Father's World

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

Music: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine
Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: Erneuwerten Gesangbuch, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Music: J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II,
1813

I'm Going on a Journey

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Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.;
Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.

Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.

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