

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Amos: Justice Rolls Down*

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Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables  
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves  
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,  
to welcome those you send,  
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,  
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,  
forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake  
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.

Yours is the kingdom of God.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY**

**ELW 705**

#### **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**

*The music is found on pages 138-39 in the **front** of the ELW.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *"This is the Feast" is found on pages 140-41 in the front of the ELW.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of all people, **Show us how to let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Create justice and righteousness in us, that all may rejoice in your blessings. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE VERSE**                      **LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS**                      **ELW 717**  
*We will sing verse 1 and 2.*

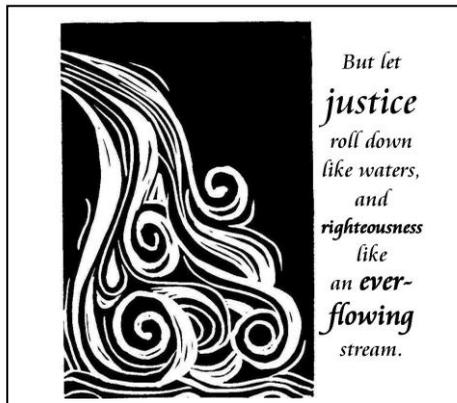
**SCRIPTURE READING** Selections from the book of the prophet Amos  
**Amos 1:1-2** The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake. 2 And he said: The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up.

**Amos 5:14-15, 21-24** 14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. 15 Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph....I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: Word of God, word of life,  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SCRIPTURE VERSE**                      **LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS**                      **ELW 717**  
*We will sing verse 3.*

**SERMON**



**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.**

**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:****RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD!****ELW 669****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

God, the beginning and the end,  
who has written your name in the book of life,  
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

L: Led on by the saints before us,  
go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson,  
Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelsen, Jay Mikaelsen, Grace Nelson, Violet  
Nelson, Sonia Peterson, Don Eckhoff (Pastor Maureen’s father) and the  
family of Jeannette Larson.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

*Usher: Kevin Hanson*  
*Reader: Maureen Hauck*

***Assisting Next Week:***

*Usher: Vasa Youth*  
*Reader: Vasa Youth*  
*Communion Asst: Vasa Youth*

Parish Pulse:

**November 7, 2021**  
Participating in Worship: 46  
(+ 8 at WEW 11/010/2021)  
Total Offerings: \$1,530.00



Next Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, is our Intergenerational Worship Service. It is also the time where we will give thanks to God for all we have been given and recognize various members of Vasa's congregation for their time and talents. There will be special Thanksgiving readings, the Sunday School children will sing, and the youth will assist with communion. Following worship there will be fresh baked caramel rolls and beverages. It will be a joyous celebration of the blessings we have received.

*(Please note that this service replaces the Thanksgiving Service held on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving.)*



**DATE CHANGE!** The tree-fluffing party will be on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service. In addition to fluffing the tree, the sanctuary will be decorated for the holidays, with the addition of garland, wreaths and lights.



**Fuel Fund:** As winter approaches, Vasa Congregation does everything possible to minimize heating costs in all of our buildings. While Vasa's finances are in solid shape, the finance team wants to encourage you to consider an additional gift to the church directed toward the fuel fund.



**American Red Cross**

Vasa's next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **November 18<sup>th</sup> (1:00-7:00) ONLY**. If you registered for Friday, please call 1-800 733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to change your appointment time. And if you haven't registered yet, there are still a few appointment times available.

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A DIFFERENCE

**In case you missed the Community Dinner of November 10, we prepared and served a record-breaking 377 meals. We can't say thank you often enough to all the people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make this happen. In the November Voice it was noted that we had served over 14,500 meals since September 2012. With this Thanksgiving dinner we surpassed 15,000!!!**



The December Community Dinner is right around the corner, coming up on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. **It's a Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!** Reservations are due Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> by NOON. Meals will be ready for Pick up at 5:30 on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Call or email the church office, or fill out a Meal Reservation Form at church or the

Lutheran Center.



Animals at the Nativity Scene – a Bible Study for Advent

Do you have a nativity scene that you are willing to bring for our enjoyment? Only for one week and only at the Lutheran Center....we won't put them on display at the church.

“Animals at the Manger” is a 3 session study of the animals commonly placed around the nativity scene (sheep, cattle, donkeys) and dives into scripture passages from throughout the Bible. To prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's birth, this study invites us to look, listen, and learn from the animals of God's creation. We will meet in the Lutheran Center Fellowship room at about 10:30 on Dec. 5 and 12. We will have to negotiate our plan for November 28<sup>th</sup> because of setting up the Christmas tree.



## **VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBRANCE and EXCHANGE OF FLAGS**

*As the postlude is played, those who are able are invited to gather at the flag pole on the south side of the church.*

On this day, we remember. We remember those who have served and are currently serving in our armed forces. We remember all the sacrifices that they made. We remember their struggles to heal from trauma. On this day, we remember.

*Pause for silent reflection*

Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

**We give thanks for our soldiers' courage,  
for their love of country,  
and for their work to bring peace to our world.**

Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served

**Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.**

Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

**We remember widows and widowers, orphans,  
and all those separated from those they love.**

We pray, Gracious God,

that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

**We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen.**

### **Exchange of Flags**

**SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2:4** He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Merciful God, you grieve amid the pain, fear, and suffering of your children. Look with compassion on all who endure the miseries of war. Be mindful, too, of those who day and night face peril in defense of our nation. Guide them in their duties as they seek justice of our nation. Guide them in their duties as they seek justice for those subjected to tyranny and liberty for those who are oppressed. Eternal Protector of the helpless, hear the cry of the distressed and grant speedy deliverance in a new day of peace and concord. **Amen.**

