

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Gifts of the Spirit

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, May 19, 2024

ANNOUNCING THE DAY OF PENTECOST

There is a candle near the altar
That glows without rest.
Its flame dances in the hurricane,
safe and silent while we sleep.

Or is it?
This light is bold enough,
With or without us, to start a fire
Where there was only dust and fear.

It flickers now, casting a glow
In the dim stillness of what we build,
The places we hide and wait for certain
Signs of what will still be.

Perhaps this fire is waiting
On a wind so we can see
Like our ancestors
A burning bush, a pillar of fire,
A burnt offering ablaze
With life that speaks.

Breathe deeply, church.
You are the wind
You are waiting for,
And the time has come
To kindle and flare
Like tongues dancing,
Like wax that drips without reserve,
Melting and molding for the luminous.

REV. META HERRICK CARLSON

HYMN

GATHER US IN

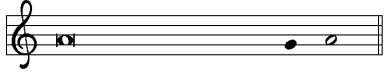
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GREETING

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



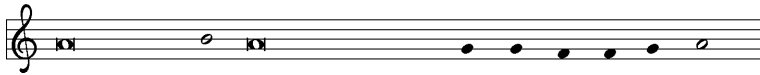
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord God, **source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the words of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

1 Corinthians 12:1-13 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

O HOLY SPIRIT ENTER IN

ELW 786

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

ELW 396

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

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: *After the consecration of the communion elements you will be invited to partake in the body and blood of Christ via intinction.*

We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

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

Communion will be received 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.

BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER Jesus, Bread of life, **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

PRESENTATION TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

SENDING HYMN: GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

ELW 543

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: The blessing of God,
who provides for us,
feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.



Paul Mikaelson, Jay Mikaelson,
Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist,
Anne Rathman, Wendy Anderson,
Dale Anderson and Lorrie
Samuelson.

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: *volunteer needed*

Reader: Barry Skog

Hospitality: Gail Strusz-Klein

Comm. Asst.: Barry Skog

Worship Assistants Next Week (May 26th)

Usher: Duane Hanson

Reader: Sasha Diercks

Hospitality: Marilyn Hanson



Kate Hart is the daughter of John and Lacey Hart. She plans to attend MN State College SE in Red Wing for her first 2 years where she will begin her studies in water conservation and Marine Biology.

Morgan McCann is the daughter of Corey and Missy McCann. She will attend UW-Stout where she plans to pursue a degree in Special Education.

Kaelie Nelson is the daughter of Amber Nelson. She will be working at the LSS group home in Red Wing for the next year.

Chance Rehder is the son of Patrick and Michele Rehder. He will attend Winona State University, with plans to pursue a degree in Molecular Biology.

Even though the Vasa Rummage Sale is over, Vasa is still collecting certain items that will be purchased by the Epilepsy Foundation.

These items include:

Clothing

Purses

Shoes

Belts

Towels/Linens

Bedding (no dirty pillows though 😊)

Soooo...if you still have some Spring Cleaning to do, now is the time! Please bag your donations and bring them to the Lutheran Center before June 10th. All donations can be placed on the stage.

PLEASE! DONATE ONLY THE ABOVE ITEMS!

NOTHING ELSE!!!

Weed Whipping

the church and cemetery grounds will be this Tuesday, May 21st at 6:00 pm. Feel free to come earlier in the week if it fits your schedule better. Thanks!

MUSIC FOR MAY 19, 2024

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Parish Pulse:

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Participating in Worship: **98**

10 live-streams

Total Offerings:

\$1,866.00



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