

Vasa Lutheran Church

Season of Creation: Mountain Sunday

Dahmon Romness, guest preacher

Accompanist: Nick Kees



Sunday, July 14, 2024

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Psalm 48:1-11

L: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

**C: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,**

L: Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

C: Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.

L: Then the kings assembled, they came on together.

**C: As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;
they were in panic, they took to flight;**

L: trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor,

C: as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

L: As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God, which God establishes forever.

C: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

L: Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with victory.

**C: Let Mount Zion be glad,
let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our provider,

C: help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

L: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

HYMN

GOD THE SCULPTOR OF THE MOUNTAINS

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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.

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L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *The Congregation will sing the entire Hymn of Praise, including the first line....*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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,



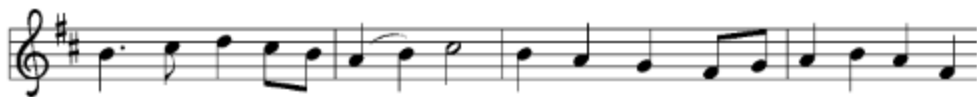
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious God, **mountaintop experiences bring us to our knees in awe and praise of you. When we come down from the mountain help us to recognize you in the every day experiences of our lives. We pray this in the name of your Son, our redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 65:17-25 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. 20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well. 24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Romans 8:28-39 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also

called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 10:17-24 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" 18 He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19 See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." 21 At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 22 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." 23 Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN **GLORIOUS THINGS OF YOU ARE SPOKEN** **ELW 647**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **HOW GREAT THOU ART** **ELW 856**

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.**

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

SENDING HYMN:

WE SING TO YOU O GOD

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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, Lorrie Samuelson, Rosann Pearson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Rodney Nelson and Arleen Stahnke.

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Rick Samuelson

Reader: Barry Skog

**Worship Assistants Next Week
(July 21st)**

Usher: Bryan Diercks

Reader: Kathy Tilderquist

Hospitality: Marilyn Hanson

Comm. Asst. Eleanor Diercks

Parish Pulse:
June 26 & July 7, 2024
Participating in Worship: 63
+ 12 Live Stream
Total Offerings:
\$1,140.00



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MUSIC FOR JULY 14, 2024

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

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Cabin Reflections on the Lake Free Vector

Pastor Maureen is on vacation for the next 2 weeks. She will return to lead worship on July 28. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor C.J. Boettcher. He can be reached at 920-858-7066.

Just a reminder that there will be no Wednesday Evening Worship on 7/17 or 7/24, while Pastor is on vacation. WEW will resume on 7/31/24.



- July 25-26 - American Red Cross Blood Drive at Vasa
- August 6 – National Night Out