

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *The Promise of Passover*

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Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY:**

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first**

**we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**HYMN**

**AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE**

**ELW 522**

#### **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.



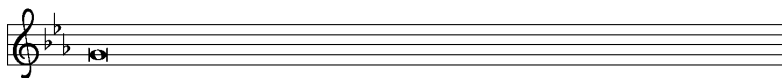
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



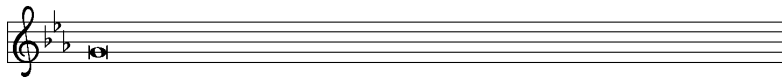
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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

*Refrain*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Lord God of grace and liberty, **On the night of the Passover the sacrificed lamb became a sign of freedom and you freed the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. In Jesus, you freed all humanity from sin and death. Help us live into this new life, teaching us to serve you in faithfulness as you have served us. To you we offer our gratefulness in the name of the one who turned slavery into new life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Exodus 12:1-13** The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

**Exodus 13:1-8** The LORD said to Moses: Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine. Moses said to the people, "Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the LORD brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the LORD. Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. You shall tell your child on that day, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN**

**ELW 494**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER**

**ELW 471**

**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.**

**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.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;  
you encircled the globe with air;  
you created fire for warmth and light;  
you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image,  
and with mercy higher than the mountains,  
with grace deeper than the seas,  
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,  
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,  
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,  
the first-born of your new creation.  
We remember his life lived for others,  
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.  
We await his coming,  
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,  
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life,  
whose fire rouses us to love.  
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.  
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God,  
receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,  
and fill us with your blessing,  
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:

through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, 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** Holy God, **you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:**

**O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN**

**ELW 542**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

L: God all mighty,  
God most merciful

✠ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.  
**Amen.**



**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Paul Mikaelson, Jay Mikaelson, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Anne Rathman, Dale Anderson, Lorrie Samuelson, Rosann Pearson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Arleen Stahnke, Connie Gillis, Jim Hedeem and Carolyn Lindstrom.

**Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** Bruce Tilderquist  
**Reader:** Mo Hauck  
**Hospitality:** Mo Hauck  
**Comm. Asst:** Duane Hanson

**Worship Assistants Next Week  
(October 6)**

**Usher:** Rick Samuelson  
**Reader:** Sasha Diercks  
**Hospitality:** volunteer needed  
**Comm. Asst:** Eleanor Diercks

Parish Pulse:

**September 18 & 22**

**Participating in Worship: 48**

+ 11 Live Stream

Total Offerings:

\$975.00

**MUSIC FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

**AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE**

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**FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN**

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**LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER**

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: African American spiritual

**O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN**

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth,  
1827–1878, alt.

Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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Important Dates



10/1 7:00pm Winter Bazaar Planning Meeting

10/2 9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study

10/07 Team Meetings (Property & Finance)



To all who contributed to the fuel fund, we thank you. It is now time to turn our attention to the ongoing project of the repair/restoration and cleaning of the Stained Glass windows in the church, which were installed in 1955! Since we began this project about 3 years ago, just over 20% of the windows have been restored.

If you participate in Thrivent Choice Dollars, this would be an ideal project to direct your contribution(s). If not, just note Stained Glass on the memo line of your check. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FEED MY  
STARVING  
CHILDREN



The Feed My Starving Children mobile pack is coming to Cannon Falls High School on Saturday, November 9. Last year volunteers packed 101,088 meals which fed 276 children in Nicaragua for a year. In 2023, Vasa had 15 volunteers participate and the Mission Endowment Committee gave a donation to Feed My Starving Children.

The 2024 mobile pack needs 500 volunteers, and needs to raise 30 cents for each meal. You can help by donating or by volunteering. Donations can be given to Kathy Tilderquist for our mobile pack. If donations are sent directly to Feed My Starving Children, they may not get put toward our expenses.

Volunteers measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags, and prepare boxes for shipping. There are 5 shifts in which you could participate: Friday, Nov 8 unloading trucks will take place from 1:30-2:30. Then set-up on Friday, Nov 8 will be from 2:30-4:30. On Saturday, Nov 9, packing shifts are from either 8-10 or 11-1. The clean-up shift is from 12:30-3:30 or until done. A sign-up sheet will be in the gathering space on Sept 29, Oct 6, and Oct 13 or you can sign yourself up by going to the Feed My Starving Children website, clicking on Volunteer, and looking for the Cannon Falls Mobile Pack. The code to sign up is CFFMSC. You can also use the QR code which is at the bottom of this announcement to volunteer or to donate. The earlier you sign up, the better chance you have to register for the shift you want. Please contact Kathy Tilderquist with any questions.

The QR code connects to: <https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/c591773>



