

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *God's Promise to Abraham*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY:**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**

**FOR ALL YOUR SAINTS, O LORD**

**ELW 427**

#### **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.**

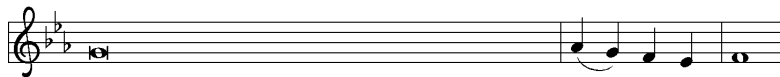
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



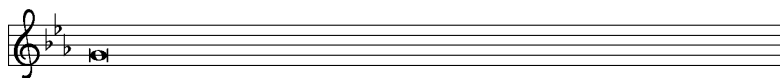
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



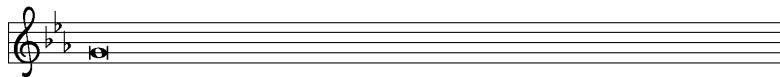
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend 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

*Refrain*




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



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*



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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of the covenant, **as you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night. This we pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Genesis 15:1-6** After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS**

**HYMN**                      **GUIDE ME EVER GREAT REDEEMER**                      **ELW 618**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**                      **FAITH OF OUR FATHERS**                      **ELW 812**

**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.*

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.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD**

**ELW 625**

**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.

Parish Pulse:

**September 4 & 8**

Participating in Worship: 57

+ 7 Live Stream

Total Offerings:

\$1,731.42



The following third graders received their bibles this morning:

**Callie Schmidt**, daughter of Brian and Teresa Schmidt;

**Ty Lindahl**, son of Dustin and Katie Lindahl;

**Caleb Hovel**, son of Greg and Courtney Hovel;

**Joel Hyllengren**, son of Andrea and Coty Hyllengren;

**Jeremiah Bauch**, son of Jen and Andrew Bauch;

**Fiona Diercks**, daughter of Bryan and Sasha Diercks;

**Nora Featherstone**, daughter of John and Corey Featherstone

**Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** Kevin Eckblad

**Reader:** Kathy Tilderquist

**Hospitality:** Jessica Anderson

**Comm. Asst:** Eleanor Diercks

**Worship Assistants Next Week  
(September 22)**

**Usher:** volunteer needed

**Reader:** Jim Hedeem

**Hospitality:** Arleen Stahnke



**The American Red Cross**

will be at Vasa for a blood drive on **September 19<sup>th</sup>** (1:00-7:00pm) and **September 20<sup>th</sup>** (9:00am -2:00pm). Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter vasalutheran to schedule an appointment.

**Looking for people to cut jeans and**

- **flannel**, and to help sew the quilts for the graduates. We will work from 9:30-11 am on the 4th Wednesday of each month. We have many quilts to make for grads over the next few years. The first work-  
bee will be Sept 25. If you can sew, please bring your machine. If you can cut, please bring a scissors. There's something to do for anyone who wants to help.

**MUSIC FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

**FOR ALL YOUR SAINTS O LORD**

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.

Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893

**GUIDE ME EVER GREAT REDEEMER**

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

**FAITH OF OUR FATHERS**

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Music: Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain

**COME WE THAT LOVE THE LORD**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, refrain

Music: Robert Lowry

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