

Vasa Lutheran Church

Raising the Widow's Son

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Nick Kees

Sunday, February 9, 2025

OPENING WORDS

P: O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

C: as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

P: Come let us bend the knee:

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us,

we confess that we have turned away

those seeking shelter,

claiming there is no room when we have plenty.

We have made power and wealth our idols,

while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.

We have overlooked the shepherds,

expecting good news in prettier packaging.

Too often, we have valued violence

instead of your peace.

Turn us from our ways to your ways.

Grant us the grace to begin again.

**Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin,
through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

Hear the good news and rejoice!

You are God's chosen ones,

holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ,

and freed to respond in joy.

Amen.

We will sing verses 1 and 4.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Healing Lord, **By your goodness you healed many who were ill, even raising the dead to life. Restore us to new life, healing our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may proclaim praise and gratitude for your compassion to all who will hear. In the name of the one who is himself new life, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 119:105-107

L: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

C: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

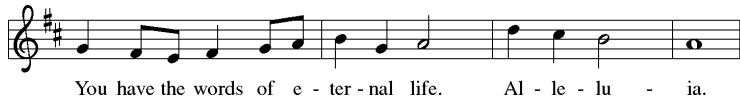
L: I am severely afflicted;

C: give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 7:1-17 After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

SUNG RESPONSE



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

ELW 612

SERMON

HYMN

IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU

ELW 769

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**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, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Give us the courage to follow in the footsteps of Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying...

**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 PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN

ELW 864

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you:

C: Wherever he may send you;

P: May he guide you through the wilderness:

C: Protect you through the storm;

P: May he bring you home rejoicing:

C: At the wonders he has shown you;

P: May he bring you home rejoicing:

C: Once again into our doors. Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C: Thanks be to God.



Jay Mikaelson, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Anne Rathman, Lorrie Samuelson, Dale Anderson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Carolyn Lindstrom, Merle Pearson, Yvonne Belin, Sarah Jacobson Parker, Terri Fredin, Terri Mandelkow and the family of Paul Mikaelson.

MUSIC FOR February 9, 2025

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

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PRAISE MY SOUL THE GOD OF HEAVEN

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Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Rick Samuelson
Reader: Barry Skog
Hospitality: Lora Gruber

Worship Assistants Next Week (February 16)

Usher: Marv Fredrickson
Reader: Tim Carlson
Hospitality: Audrey Rosener
Comm Asst: Barry Skog

Parish Pulse:

January 29 & February 2

Participating in Worship: 69

+ 13 Live Streams

Total Offerings:

February 2: \$2,270.00



Vasa's Latest Acquisition!



Nick Kees, one of Vasa's accompanists is acquainted with Pastor Lynn Rigg who had this lovely reed (pump) organ in her home. Because Pastor Lynn is relocating to California and must downsize this organ needed a home. Nick told Pastor Maureen that if Vasa didn't take it, the organ was going in a dumpster! The brass plate states that it was manufactured March 31, 1899 by the Great Western Organ Co. out of Chicago IL. Currently the organ is sitting in the Lutheran Center gym until we find the best possible permanent home.