

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *The Boy Jesus in the Temple*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

**Sunday, January 5, 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 sing to the Lord:

**C: let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

### **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.**

**HYMN RESPONSE      COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING      ELW 807**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of all learning, **When the boy, Jesus, stayed in the temple to learn from the elders, it was the elders who in turn learned from him. Teach us, Lord, as you have taught others, and grant us wisdom and willingness to learn. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS PSALM 2:7-8**

L: I will tell of the decree of the LORD:

**C: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.**

L: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

**C: and the ends of the earth your possession.**

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:41-52**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44 Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." 49 He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

**SUNG RESPONSE**



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN**

**HARK, THE GLAD SOUND!**

**ELW 239**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

**LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS**

**ELW 765**

## **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.**

## **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**

## **HOLY COMMUNION WITH THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **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.**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*We will receive communion 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.

Merciful God, **we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.  
Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace,  
comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE**

**ELW 288**

### **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.**



Paul Mikaelsen, Jay Mikaelsen, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Anne Rathman, Lorrie Samuelson, Dale Anderson, Lynda Rosener Sack, Arleen Stahnke, Connie Gillis, Carolyn Lindstrom, Merle Pearson, Amber Nelson, Yvonne Belin, Sarah Jacobson Parker, Brad Ahrens (Sue H's brother).

**Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** Ben Norman  
**Reader:** B-J Norman  
**Hospitality:** B-J Norman  
**Comm. Asst:** Megan Carlson

**Worship Assistants Next Week  
(January 12)**

**Usher:** Marv Fredrickson  
**Reader:** Sasha Diercks  
**Hospitality: OPEN**

Parish Pulse:

**December 29**

**Participating in Worship:** 52

+ 13 Live Stream

Total Offerings:

Dec 24, 29 & 31: \$5,180.00

**MUSIC FOR JANUARY 5, 2025**

**HARK! THE GLAD SOUND**

Text: Phillip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

**LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS**

Text © Oxford University Press 1931

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953

Music: Irish traditional

**GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE**

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

Music: German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795-1856

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Ages and Stages Bible Study will meet only once in January, on January 15<sup>th</sup>. After that they will resume their normal schedule of the first and third Wednesdays, through May.



**Vasa Lutheran Center**  
**Blood Drive**

Gym  
15235 Norelius Rd  
Welch, MN 55089

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: vasa lutheran to schedule an appointment.



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We, the Vasa Congregation,  
Called by God, commit to:  
Worshipping together,  
Growing in faith,  
Serving others, and  
Welcoming and loving all!