

Vasa Lutheran Church

Loving God with Our Spirit

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Accompanist: Nick Kees

Sunday, August 11, 2024

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Mark 12:28-34 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; 33 and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'-- this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

CONFESSION 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.

We sing: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart oh God
And renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart oh God
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence oh Lord
And take not your holy spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation
And renew a right spirit within me.

Repeat.

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 LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART ELW 750

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.

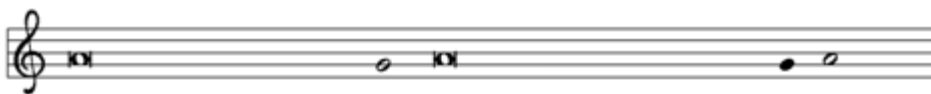


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

KYRIE (cont.)



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



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

All



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: O God, **our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalms 95:1-7

L: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

C: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

L: For the LORD is a great God,

C: and a great King above all gods.

L: In his hand are the depths of the earth;

C: the heights of the mountains are his also.

L: The sea is his, for he made it,

C: and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

L: O come, let us worship and bow down,

C: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

L: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,

C: and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Colossians 3:14-17 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Matthew 6:5-8 "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 6 But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 7 "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

JESUS LOVES ME!

(See insert)

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 – Presentation by Memory Grace Hector

SENDING HYMN: BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS ELW 656

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, Arleen Stahnke and Connie Gillis.

Worship Assistants Today:
Usher: Kevin Eckblad
Reader: Roger Guttromson
Hospitality Lora Gruber

Worship Assistants Next Week (August 18th)

Usher: Marv Fredrickson
Reader: Mo Hauck
Hospitality: Mo Hauck
Comm. Asst: Roger Guttromson

Parish Pulse:
July 31st & August 4th, 2024
Participating in Worship: 51
+ 12 Live Stream
Total Offerings:
\$11,366.14



Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary and by the east door. They are there to receive your offering as you enter the sanctuary for worship.

MUSIC FOR AUGUST 11, 2024

LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532-1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: B. Schmid, Orgeltabulaturbuch, 1557

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

Music: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

JESUS LOVES ME

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

BLEST BE THE TIES THAT BIND

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

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MUSIC FOR AUGUST 4, 2024

LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598-1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: Cantionale Germanicum, Gochsheim, 1628

BE THOU MY VISION

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Music: Irish traditional

OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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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...To EVERYONE who came out for Night to Unite/National Night Out on Tuesday evening! Thanks also goes to the Miesville Fire Department, Goodhue County Sherrif's office representatives from Narcotics, and the Mounted Deputy (aka the Posse) with his horse! It was a beautiful evening of socializing with friends and neighbors, exactly what's needed to keep communities strong.