

Vasa Lutheran Church

Transfiguration

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Sunday, March 2, 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.

We will sing verses 1 and 3.

GREETING:

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Dazzling Lord, **in blinding light you showed your disciples a hint of your power and purpose. Reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to broadcast your love to the world, for the sake of the one who keeps company with the prophets Moses and Elijah, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 36:5-10

L: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

C: your faithfulness to the clouds.

L: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;

C: you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

L: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

C: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

L: They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**C: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.**

L: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

C: and your salvation to the upright of heart!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:28-36 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"-- not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

MEDITATION

HYMN RESPONSE HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE!

ELW 315

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:37-45 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands." But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

MEDITATION

HYMN

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!

ELW 314

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:

SHINE JESUS SHINE

ELW 671

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, and Terri Mandelkow.

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Bruce Tilderquist

Reader: Kathy Tilderquist

Hospitality: Sue Ness

Comm Asst: *volunteer needed*

Worship Assistants Next Week (March 9)

Usher: Duane Hanson

Reader: Sasha Diercks

Hospitality: Marilyn Hanson

Parish Pulse:

February 19th and 23rd

Participating in Worship: 75

+ 12 Live Streams

Total Offerings:

February 23: \$1,130.00

THIS WEEK AT VASA

March 3 – 4:00PM Property Team

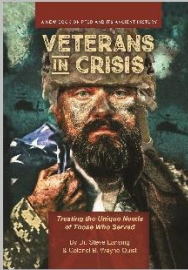
5:00PM Finance Team

March 4 – 9:30 Coffee & Conversation

March 5 – 9:30AM Ages/Stages Bible Study

7:00PM Ash Wednesday Worship + Holden Evening Prayer

Understanding PTSD and Veterans in Crisis Presentation



Sunday, March 2nd
6:00-7:30pm

St. Luke Church
37750 County 6 Blvd
Goodhue

*Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) & suicide prevention.
For veterans, families, & caregivers.
Treating the unique needs of those who served.*

*By Dr. Steve Lansing & Colonel B. Wayne Quist,
the authors of a new book on the history of PTSD*

GriefShare

GriefShare is starting a new series of grief sessions in Cannon Falls. They are being hosted at Riverwood Church (5343 Hwy 9 Blvd, Cannon Falls) The sessions will run on Saturday mornings from 9am-11am, starting on February 22nd, and going for 13 weeks. Each session stands alone, for those who are not able to make it every week. Sessions are free, but we do ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the accompanying workbook. Scholarships are available through the host church. If you have lost a loved one recently, these may be helpful as you process your feelings. For more about GriefShare, visit the Grief Share website (<https://www.griefshare.org>)

MUSIC FOR March 2, 2025

ALLELUIA SONG OF GLADNESS

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: John Goss, 1800–1880

HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854

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AS OF FEBRUARY 26, 2025 WE HAVE ENCOURAGING NEWS ABOUT THE FURNACES AT THE CHURCH. There appears to have been a misdiagnosis and that the real problem was extremely dirty furnace filters. Dirty filters are not a big surprise considering all of the work that has been done in the building over the last month. We are currently maintaining the building temperature at 65 degrees. This will be important for when the flooring is installed and it will put the furnaces to a bit of a stress test to determine if we still need to replace them.



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