

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Living in a Messianic Time*

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Accompanist: Nick Kees

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.  
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**HYMN**

**THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT**

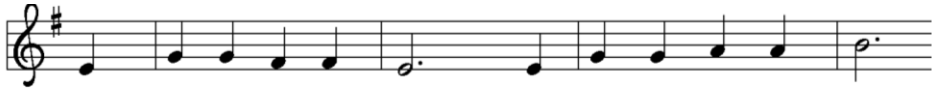
**ELW 384**

## 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



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.  
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

## HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;  
Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Almighty God, **your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31** I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, 30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, 31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** **OH, HAPPY DAY WHEN WE SHALL STAND** **ELW 441**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** **O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED** **ELW 810**

**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.**

**MOTHER'S DAY PRAYERS**

## 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

**SENDING HYMN: WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD**

**ELW 866**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Paul Mikaelson, Jay Mikaelson,  
Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist,  
Anne Rathman, Wendy Anderson,  
Dale Anderson and Lorrie  
Samuelson.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> WE WILL  
RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE OUR  
GRADUATING SENIORS:

*Kate Hart, Morgan McCann,  
Kaelie Nelson, and  
Chance Rehder.*



Parish Pulse:

**May 1 & 5, 2024**

Participating in Worship: 59

13 live-streams

Total Offerings:

\$855.00

**Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** Marv Fredrickson  
**Reader:** Marcia Featherstone  
**Hospitality:** Sue Hedeem

**Worship Assistants Next Week  
(May 19<sup>th</sup>)**

**Usher:** *volunteer needed*  
**Reader:** Barry Skog  
**Hospitality:** Gail Strusz-Klein  
**Comm. Asst.:** Barry Skog



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.



Women of All Ages and Stages Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, from 9:30-11:00 in the Fellowship Room of the Lutheran Center. All are welcome!

**MUSIC FOR MAY 12, 2024**

**THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT**

**Text:** Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

**Music:** European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

**OH HAPPY DAY WHEN WE SHALL STAND**

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**O JESUS I HAVE PROMISED**

**Text:** John E. Bode, 1816-1874,  
alt.

**Music:** Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

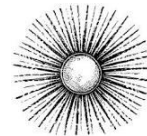
**WE ARE MARCHING**

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*Summer Sermon  
Series Topic for 5/19:*

**THE GIFTS OF THE  
SPIRIT.**

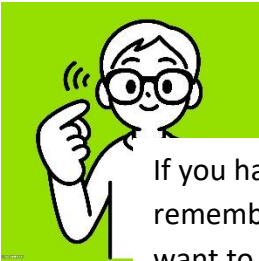
Readings:

Acts 2:1-4

1 Corinthians 12: 1-13



In preparation for next winter, Vasa will gladly accept donations to the fuel fund. Just note your intent on the memo line of the check. Thrivent Choice \$\$ can also be used, but you must let Kathy T. know so she can make the transfer out of the general fund.



If you have old hearing aids or eye-glasses lying around, remember that they can be donated to the local Lion's club! If you want to bring them to church or to the Lutheran Center, someone will make sure they are delivered.



Rummage Sale

Even though the Vasa Rummage Sale is over, Vasa is still collecting certain items that will be purchased by the foundation. These items include:

**Clothing      Purses      Shoes      Belts**

**Towels/Linens**

**Bedding (no dirty pillows though 😊)**

Soooo...if you still have some Spring Cleaning to do, now is the time! Please bag your donations and bring them to the Lutheran Center before June 10<sup>th</sup>. All donations can be placed on the stage.

**PLEASE! DONATE ONLY THE ABOVE ITEMS!**

