

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*He is Risen! He is risen, indeed!*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, April 25, 2021

## ANNOUNCING THE DAY

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water will be poured into the font as we give thanks.*

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

**Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.**

**Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.**

**Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.**

**Make us one, risen Christ.**

**Cleanse our hearts.**

**Shower us with life.**

To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**ELW 641**

### 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.**

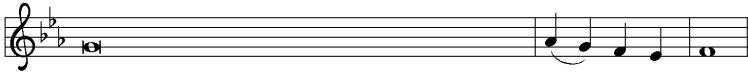
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



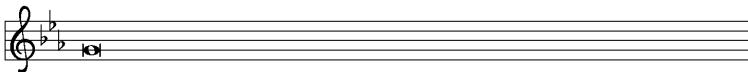
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



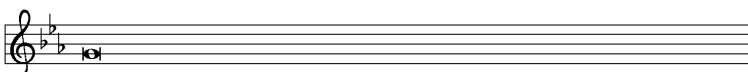
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Fulfillment of the prophesies, **with Scripture and water you claim people as your own. Claim us with water and the word, so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Psalm 63:1-4**

L: O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;

**C: my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.**

L: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.

**C: Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.**

L: So I will bless you as long as I live;

**C: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

#### **Acts 8:26-39**

26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) 27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." 30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" 37 38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN:**

**WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS**

**ELW 445**

## SERMON

HYMN

**JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA**

ELW 592

**CONFESION 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 CONGREGATON:** Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

## GENEROSITY MOMENT

**CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS:** *After the consecration of the communion elements you will be invited to partake in the body and blood of Christ. We believe that God is present with us whether we are kneeling at a railing, sitting in a pew or in our homes.*

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

### **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.

**PRAYER** Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN:**           **SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR**           **ELW 655**

### **BLESSING**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
Amen.

### **DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

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

Today we celebrate the First Communion of

Max Fredin, son of Ross and Terri Fredin

and

Nick Weigman, son of Chris and Barbara Weigman.

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Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson,  
Paul Mikaelson, Gloria Skog.

Parish Pulse:  
**April 18, 2021**  
Participating in Worship: All – In Spirit  
(30 in-person)  
Total Offerings: \$805.00.



## Getting Ready!



More Details to follow in the May issue of Vasa Voice!



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards and letters while I was in the hospital and rehab. When you cannot have visitors, time moves slowly, so it was especially nice to get the cards. Thank you Pastor Maureen for your calls. God bless you all and I am so glad to be a part of the Vasa Family. Linda Thompson



There are still spots available for Vasa's Blood Drive on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. To sign up you can call 1-800 733-2767, or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter vasa lutheran to schedule an appointment.



The May Community Dinner is on May 12. This will be the last one of the year! Reservations are due May 5, at noon. Call or email the church office with your name, # of meals, and specify delivery if preferred.

**Also at the MAY Community Dinner—we will be taking items for the Red Wing and Cannon Falls Food Shelves. Drop them off when you pick up your meals! Or—give them to your delivery driver!**



"Undies Sunday" is coming up on Mother's Day, May 9! We will be collecting new packages of women's underwear, children's underwear and socks, and toilet paper that day to take to the women's shelter in Red Wing.

*faith*  
**family**  
*friends*  
Communion.

*Wednesday Evening Worship +Everyday Bible Conversation* resumed on Wednesday, April 21. We gather at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room at the Lutheran Center. Per our usual custom, we will also celebrate Holy



- **Endowment Team** meets Monday, 4/26 at 7pm
- **Wednesday Evening Worship** 4/28 at 6:30pm
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** 4/29 1-7pm
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** 4/30 9-2