

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORSHIP 9:30 a.m., AUGUST 14, 2022**
Tree of Life—Marty Haugen

BLESSING AND SENDING OF VICAR KAARI NIEUWLANDT



Vicar Kaari—From her ELCA Rostered Ministry Profile

My pastoral call is rooted in God's story of love and grace for the world. We hear God's story each Sunday in our scripture lessons. Each person brings their individual stories with them into community. As a pastor, it is my job to facilitate storytelling and story-weaving, helping people to realize how God is showing up in the midst of our stories, our community and how all of our stories are interwoven. The loom that weaves us together into God's Beloved community are the sacraments—those experiences of God in our midst that connect us to all of God's people.

Welcome to all who are virtually visiting us today. Please sign in on the Comments section of your Facebook Live page. If you would like to be put on the Advent email list to receive bulletins and Advent updates please send your email address to adventwestminster@gmail.com or contact us through the adventwestminster.org web site. Please join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning by having some bread and wine or grape juice available for the blessing on page 6

*Stand if able, **P**— Pastor, **AM**— assisting minister, **C**-congregation,
ELW-red songbook, **W&P**-purple songbook

CALL TO WORSHIP—WELCOME

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God, C: **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.** Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. C: Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN ELW #453 “*Baptized and Set Free*”**

1. We are people created, chosen by God. Then we’re washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
2. We are fed and we’re nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
3. We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free.
4. Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be, one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

***GREETING**

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

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, mercy on us all. [A] 1. For the
Lord, have mercy, [A] 2. For your
reign of God, and for peace through-out the
people here who have come to give you
world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the
Lord: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
[A] Help, save, and de-
fend us, O God: [A] Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray. C: Almighty God, bless those who go out from here to labor in your church. Prosper the work of their hands. Bless those who receive them and the fruits of their labor, and may those who are sent receive blessing in return. May the gifts they use and share be signs of your love to all people. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-3a

"⁴But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

After reading: L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139: 1-18 (Read responsively)

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. ¹¹ If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night', ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4:10-11

¹⁰Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

After Reading: L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia,
Lord, to whom shall we go? For
you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -
ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 1:41-56 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' ⁴⁶And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' ⁵⁶And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

After reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON**Pastor Barb Martens***** HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #723 “*Canticle of the Turning*”**

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wonderous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn. **Refrain.**
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.
3. From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.
4. Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast; God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our fore-bears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. **Refrain.**

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Children and Internship Committee please come forward.

***GREETING OF PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYERS (please be seated)

AM: Merciful God **C: Receive our prayer.**

AM: *through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.* **C: Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

AM: Let us pray. God of abundance, **C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God .C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

The gifts of God are always FREE! All are welcome at the Lord's table. Prefilled cups of wine and grape juice will be offered at the rail. The grape juice is clear and located in the center of the tray. Children are welcome at the meal, and may commune with parent's permission. If you are communing in your seat or at home online, the Pastor will tell you what to do.

ELW #807

"Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer: "hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

BLESSING (*please remain seated*)

P: Now may this body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace and peace now and forever. C: **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. Life - giving God, C: **through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love.** This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord's face shine on us and be gracious to us. May the Lord look upon us with favor and +give us peace. C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN ELW # 763 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”**

Refrain: No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

1. My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. **Refrain.**
2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? **Refrain.**
3. What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain.**
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing! **Refrain.**

***DISMISSAL** AM: Go in peace. Love your neighbor. C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Join us for fellowship and Goodbyes as we celebrate Vicar Kaari after worship today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE YELLOW SCHOOL BUS IS BACK!! WE WILL BE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES THROUGH THE MONTH OF AUGUST. PLEASE DROP ITEMS IN THE BUS IN THE NARTHEX. ITEMS NEEDED ARE: SHORT/THIN MARKERS, KLEENEX, ROLLS OF PAPER TOWELS, BOTTLES OF GLUE, WATER COLOR PAINTS, GLUE STICKS, DRY ERASE MARKERS (THIN), SAFETY SCISSORS, ANY SIZE ZIPLOCK BAGS, COLORED PENCILS, AND CRAYONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

COME SAY ALOHA TO PASTOR BARB ON SUNDAY AUGUST 28TH. BISHOP JIM WILL BE PREACHING AND WE WILL BE HAVING A RETIREMENT/FARWELL PARTY FROM 10:30 –2:00. THE MEN OF ADVENT WILL BE GRILLING AND WE ARE ASKING ALL TO BRING A SALAD, SIDE DISH OR DESSERT. PLEASE WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HAWAIIAN ATTIRE.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please take your Prayer List home with you and continue to pray for your siblings in Christ.

<p>Michael Adams (<i>Lexi Larson's father</i>) Steve Albert (<i>friend of Virginia Feighner</i>) * Kath Andrews (<i>MaryAnn Bradley's sister</i>) Nina Behrendt (<i>neighbor and friend of Elizabeth Meier</i>) Melva Bishop/ Cheryl Evans-Shirley Frey (<i>Vonda Crow's cousins</i>) Chris Blair (<i>Warren's brother</i>) Donald Brzowsky (<i>Hal Schweitzer's nephew</i>) Wally Campbell (<i>friend of Sandra Sphan</i>) Shawn Cantwell (<i>nephew of Michelle Lamirato</i>) Shelley Carey, Kim Schreiner & Sandra Schreiner (<i>Cheryl Swinhart's cousins</i>) Amber Carolus & family (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) Joann Conrad (<i>Debbie Ezo's mother</i>) Nick Del Hierro (<i>friend of Jan and Sandi Bordner</i>) Jo Dreher Marge Dorsey Martie Essebaggers Baby Everlee (<i>Friend of Trevor Gallegos & Theresa Hornbuckle</i>) Esther Faires Wilberta Fleming (<i>Chris Borquez Step Mother</i>) Doyal Furman (<i>Jacob's Father</i>) Tobias Funk (<i>Jan Cole's nephew</i>)</p>	<p>Gene (<i>Al Muniz's brother</i>) Julie Gerrish and Family (<i>Friend of Vicar Kaari</i>) Scott Gerhardt (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) Julie Goerend (<i>Pastor Barb's friend</i>) Russ and Bob Goerend (<i>Pastor Barb's friends</i>) Joe Green (<i>friend of Donna Harris</i>) Abbey Hammer (<i>Pam and Jesse Hammer's niece</i>) Andrea Hanson (<i>Chris' sister-in-law</i>) Geraldine Harmon (<i>Ernst Blyt's sister-in-law</i>) Candace Homestead Dale Hundley (<i>Lois'Wyble's son in law</i>) Karen Hutchinson (<i>Friend of Pastor Barb</i>) Candy Jacobson Brandon and Stacey Jacobson Eric Jacobson Layne Jacobson Billi Jacobson Jess Kary (<i>Jill Hartmann's father</i>) ** Jessica Kurschner (<i>Pam & Jesse Hammer's daughter</i>) Helen Losten (<i>Bev Lovato's sister</i>) Julie McCawley James McAllister Shirley Nelson Gail Pankow (<i>Shirley Keith'sister</i>)</p>	<p>Don & Merideth Parker (<i>Ann Hobb's Mother and Stepdad</i>) Margaret Pitton (<i>Mary Lamirato's sister in law</i>) Jeannie Prior (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) ** Ray (<i>Al Muniz' brother</i>) Harlan Redcay (<i>Jesse Hammar's brother in law</i>) Helen Ritterodt Reyna Sanchez Marlene Seim (<i>Cousin of Sandi Bordner</i>) Charlie Shaw (<i>friend of Lisa Cook</i>) Jean Shea (<i>Helen Ritterodt's friend</i>) Mary Stein (<i>Pastor Barb's sister</i>) Stacy Struessel Stephan Swinhart (<i>Brother of Harry Swinhart and Susan Chambliss</i>) Dean Turner (<i>friend of Tom and Joan</i>) Fred Vargas & Family (<i>Diane Fuhrman's brother</i>) Ann Vespoli (<i>LaVonne Vespoli's mother-in-law</i>) Tony Zangari Sr., Tony Jr., Roxanne Zangari (<i>family of Kathy Zangari</i>)</p>
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Special prayers for the citizens and victims and families who lost loved ones to gun violence.

Special prayers for the citizens of Ukraine.

Special Prayers for the marginalized, people of color, and essential workers.

Special Prayers for all of our military.

Special Prayers for all those out of work, homeless and hungry across the globe.

* New to prayer list or new need for prayers.

** Immediate Crisis, need for prayer.