

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Who are You? Whose are You?*

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Accompanist Austin Ferguson

Special Music provided by pianist Michael Nelson

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

L: God who hears our cries and is moved by our suffering,

**C: Speak to us a word of comfort, challenge, co-mission.**

L: Capture our attention and call us out of our routines,

**C: That we might catch a vision of your deliverance,  
finding our place in the movement of God's justice**

L: Be in our worship, Lord

**C: Quiet our resistance,**

**Orient us to action,**

**And in all things, root us in your love.**

Mandy England Cole

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the strength of our ancestors,  
the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.

Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our helper,

**we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples.**

**We have not finished what we began.**

**We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.**

**We have been captivated by our possessions.**

**Lift our burdens, gracious God.**

**Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.**

**Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us**

**in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.

Put your trust in these promises:

God will never leave you or forsake you.

You who were lost have been found.  
For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice with the angels at this good news.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY                      ELW 413**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** God of deliverance, **you called Moses to be your hands, feet, and voice in a troubled world. Teach us how to work, walk, and speak your word in a troubled world. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 1:8-14 [1:15--2:10]; 3:1-15**

At the conclusion of the lesson the reader will say, "Word of God, word of life."  
Please respond with, "**Thanks be to God.**"

**MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**HYMN:                                      GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER                                      ELW 618**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:                                      HERE I AM, LORD                                      ELW 574**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

**APOSTLES' CREED:** Together, let us confess our 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.**

## **ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS**

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

L: Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism  
among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

L: People of God,  
do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## **WELCOME AND SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

L: Let us share the peace with one another.

## **COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** God our provider, **we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.  
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

## 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.

**DISTRIBUTION** *We will receive communion by intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children will receive a blessing.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** God of blessing, **at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

After each petition the pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy,"  
Please respond with, "**hear our prayer.**"

### SENDING HYMN:

**BLESS NOW, O GOD, THE JOURNEY**

**ELW 326**

**BLESSING** Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,  
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.  
Almighty God ✝ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE



### Prayer Concerns

David Broin, Max Tilderquist, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sharyn),  
Brenda Bradley (second "mama" to Austin F.), Ellie Gardiner

## **This Week's Vasa Calendar**

*Church Office Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9am-1pm*

### **Sunday, September 29**

- 9:00 am Service of Holy Communion and Welcome of New Members
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
(Lutheran Center)
- 11:30 am Museum Open

### **Monday, September 30**

- 7:30 pm Finance Team

### **Tuesday, October 1**

- 9:30 am Tuesday am Coffee
- 12:30 pm Property Team (new time)

### **Wednesday, October 2**

- 5:15 pm Children's Faith Formation class (pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 6:15 pm Wednesday Evening Worship + Everyday Bible Conversation
- 7:15 pm 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Lutheran Center)

### **Thursday, October 3**

- 10:00 am Worship at Cannon Rivers
- 1:00-7:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive – Lutheran Center

### **Sunday, October 6**

- 9:00 am Service of The Word (Dahmon Romness preaching)
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am **NO 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation**
- 11:30 am Museum Open

Parish Pulse- September 22 & 25

Participating at worship 58

Offerings: \$1,056.00



**The next Vasa Community Dinner will be October 9, beginning at 5:30. Sign up sheets are located in back of the church or at the Lutheran Center (during the week.) If you would like a meal delivered, contact Jeannette Anderson at (651) 258-4470.**



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**We welcome our new members:**

Nate and Kelsey Lindholm  
Stuart and Susan Samuelson  
Garrett Samuelson  
Clare Samuelson  
Dustin and Katie Lindahl and their children,  
Ty (4) and Kodee (2)

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Mark your calendars for 3 lunch sessions in November that will focus on end-of-life decision making for the elderly. Look for details in the October Vasa Voice!

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**October 13 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Distribution:** The following Third Graders will receive Bibles at the October 13 worship service: Gabe Bauch, Aliyah Chaska, Marissa Mandelkow, Kennedy McCann, and Bella Otto.

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### **Vasa Mission**

We, the Vasa congregation,  
called by God, commit to:  
Worshipping together,  
Growing in Faith  
Serving others, and  
Welcoming and Loving all!