

Vasa Lutheran Church

Promises Made, Promises Broken

Pastor Howard White

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Sunday, September 20, 2020

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

BE THOU MY VISION

ELW 793

GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of the covenant, **as you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night. This we pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 15:1-6

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

- Allison Finne
- Larissa Fredin

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

ELW 733

MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

AMAZING GRACE

ELW 779

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.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

Offering plates will not be passed, but are sitting near the doors as you leave.

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: We will remain in the pews for communion today. Each of you should have picked up a communion portion prior to worship. After the words of institution you will be invited to open your portion and serve yourself.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Give us the courage to follow in the foot steps 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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

ELW 812

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.

Let us pray (*in unison*) We give you thanks, gracious God,
**that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

COME WE THAT LOVE THE LORD

ELW 625

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor,
and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, David Broin, Jessie Otto, Ben Norman, Jerry McRae, Don Eckhoff (Pastor Maureen's father) and the entire Eckhoff family as they mourn the death of Janis (Pastor Maureen's mother).

Assisting with Worship today:

Reader and Communion Set Up:
Jim Hedeem

DISASTER RELIEF NEEDED

Natural Disasters are continuing to occur across the United States. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) has a presence at each one. If you wish to donate to LDR to assist them in their vital work of support we recommend that you send a check directly to Lutheran Disaster Response. Their address is:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America
ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

If you wish to designate to a specific disaster, please indicate such in the memo line.

Parish Pulse:

September 13, 2020

Participating in Worship: 28

+ 7 WEW September 16

Total Offerings: \$1,615.00



- September 21** Church Council, 6:30 pm
Pastor Maureen Returns
- September 27** Miley Clemens - 1st Communion
- October 1** Vasa Lutheran Blood Drive 1-7pm
- October 14** Free Vasa Community Dinner
Pick-Up or Delivery ONLY
Reservations required