

Vasa Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Advent

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Special Music provided by Connor Samuelson

Sunday, December 1, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light.

Who are you awaiting, my friends?

We are awaiting the Lord, God's best, to come

The time is surely coming, when Christ will be with us.

Our hope is in the Lord our God, Eternal Protector, the Might of Peace.

Let us wait in Hope

Sing: **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**O come, Thou, Dayspring from on high
And cause Thy light on us to rise
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadow put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the parent who rouses us from slumber,
the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain,
the deliverer who sets us free.

Amen.

Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,
we open our hearts to you, O God.
Search us and know us.
Reveal all that we keep inside.
To you, O God, we confess our sins,
known and unknown.
Forgive us, renew us,
and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.
Make us reflections of the radiant love
of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Beloved children of the Most High,
 you are gathered before the righteous judge
 who has mercy on all.
 Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism,
 where sin is washed away in the river of life.
 Dwell peacefully in the loving arms
 of the one who nurtures all creation.
 Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven
 in the name of the one who is coming and is already here,
 † Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

AMAZING GRACE

ELW 779

GREETING

P: 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, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
2	Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.



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**1 My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;
I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness,
and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age
this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me,
and holy is your name.**

To the tune of *Kingsfold*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of the promised Messiah, **as we wait for the fulfillment of your promise, we watch, we listen, and we open our hearts for your Word. show us signs of your presence: a light in the darkness, a voice in the silence, and a stirring deep within us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 33:14-18

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:27-29

At the conclusion of the lesson the reader will say, "The gospel of the Lord." Please respond with, "**Thanks be to you, Oh Lord.**"

HYMN

BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL

ELW 250

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

WHAT FEAST OF LOVE

ELW 487

CONFESSION 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

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

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let's share the peace with one another.

COLLECTION OF OUR GIFTS FOR GOD, INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Giver of every good thing, **we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. 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.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, 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 kneeling at the railing. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children will receive a blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: God of abundance, **we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU ELW 769

BLESSING

May God, who gathers us in love,
lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice.
May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves,
lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.
May God, who fills us with good things,
lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.
The blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Prayer Concerns

David Broin, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sharyn), Brenda Bradley and her family, Linda Thompson, The Family of Kathy Jacobson, The family of Jim Freeberg, Deb Ruby (Ed Gruber's daughter).



Parish Pulse- November 24

Participating at worship 66

Offerings: \$836.00

This Week at Vasa

(Church office hours: Tues-Thurs 9-1)

Sunday, December 1

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion
Christmas Program
Rehearsal

10:30 am Christmas Eve Choir
Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 am Tuesday AM Coffee

Wednesday, December 4

5:15 Children's Christmas Program
Rehearsal (Faith Formation)

6:15 Wednesday Evening Worship+
Everyday Bible Conversation

Thursday, December 5

10:00 am Cannon Rivers Worship
Service

Saturday, December 7

9:00 am-3:00 pm WINTER BAZAAR

Sunday, December 8

9:00 am Service of The Word
Christmas Program
Rehearsal

10:30 am Christmas Eve Choir
Rehearsal



Today is the last day to get your poinsettia orders in— unless you want to make a trip to the Lutheran Center and drop them off on Tuesday morning!



Today and Sunday, December 8,

rehearsals for the Children's Christmas program will be at the Lutheran Center from 9-10. All children are invited and encouraged to be involved in the December Sunday morning rehearsals in order for the program to be the best it can be.



The December Community Dinner is coming up on December 11. If you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals, prepare food, set up or clean up, sign up sheets can be found in the back of the church on Sunday mornings, and at the Lutheran Center during the week. Contact Sue

Hedeen or Jeannette Anderson if you are interested in this meaningful service opportunity.

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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!



The 4th annual Winter Bazaar is next Saturday, December 7! New crafters and vendors, including Avon, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Lula Roe and the Tea Lady will be present! ALSO—if you have any vintage Christmas items which are in good condition, but you no longer use, you can bring them to the Bazaar to be sold! Please plan to drop off any decoration donations, or bake sale items at the Lutheran Center between NOON and 9PM on Friday, December 6. Then, come back and shop on Saturday!