

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Who are You? Whose are You?*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

**CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

**ELW 715**

**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:** Holy God, **your servant Jacob wrestled with your angel and prevailed. In honor of his persistence you gave him a new name. Teach us to persist in the face of struggle, and call us by name. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Psalm 34:4-8**

L: I sought the LORD, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.

**C: Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.**

L: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,  
and was saved from every trouble.

**C: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,  
and delivers them.**

**O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

#### **Genesis 32:[9-13] 22-30**

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**

#### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY and CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*to the tune of "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

**I believe in God the Father, the Almighty God above,  
Maker of the earth and heaven which were formed in God's great love.  
And in Jesus, loving Jesus, God's own Son, who makes us new.  
This, the creed of generations, is the faith for our church, too.**

**Jesus, by God's Holy Spirit, was so wondrously conceived,  
Born unto the Virgin Mary, who your promises believed.  
Jesus suffering under Pilate, on a cross was crucified.  
Soldiers mocked him, friends denied him; he hung there until he died.**

**So it was, our Lord was buried, in a borrowed tomb he lay.  
To the dead he then descended, where was joy on earth that day?  
There is more to God's great story: In three days he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and he sits at God's right hand.**

**I believe what God has promised: Christ will come as he has said.  
He will judge the nations' peoples, both the living and the dead.  
I believe God's Holy Spirit makes the church one family.  
We're surrounded by God's people, saints who in our Lord believe.**

**I believe that God forgives us for the times we turn away,  
And that God will raise our bodies on that resurrection day.  
We rejoice we'll live forever, singing praise to God's great name.  
This, the creed of generations, is the faith that we proclaim.**

### **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.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

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

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN Onward, Christian Soldiers**

**1 Onward, Christian soldiers,  
marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus  
going on before.  
Christ, the royal master,  
leads against the foe;  
forward into battle,  
see, his banners go!**

## ***Refrain***

**Onward, Christian soldiers,  
marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus  
going on before.**

**2 Like a mighty army  
moves the church of God;  
let us boldly follow  
where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided;  
all one body we;  
one in hope and doctrine,  
one in charity. *Refrain***

**3 Crowns and thrones may perish,  
kingdoms rise and wane,  
but the church of Jesus  
constant will remain;  
gates of hell can never  
'gainst the church prevail.  
We have Christ's own promise,  
and that cannot fail. *Refrain***

**4 Onward, then, you faithful,  
join our happy throng;  
blend with ours your voices  
in the triumph song.  
Glory, laud, and honor  
unto Christ the king.  
We through countless ages  
with the angels sing: *Refrain***

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924

## **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**

**On Sunday, September 29, we will be blessed with special music provided by the accomplished pianist and entertainer, Michael Nelson. Michael, who now lives in Eden Prairie, grew up on a farm near Vasa. He started Vasa Valley Music in 1999 and now tours coast to coast. We are lucky to have him join us.**



**Because of scheduling conflicts, our new member celebration has been rescheduled for September 29.**



**DO YOU PROVIDE CARE FOR A LOVED ONE?** Catholic Charities is sponsoring a **6-week Caregiver's Workshop** which will meet on Thursday afternoons at the Cannon Falls Library, from 1:00-3:30 **beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Participants will learn practical skills proven to reduce stress, communicate more effectively, improve self-care, make effective decisions and access community resources for caregivers. For more information or to register, contact Mariah at Catholic Charities, 507-450-1091, or [mmariano@ccsommn.org](mailto:mmariano@ccsommn.org). Register by September 30.



**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade classes continue today at 10:30 AM in the Lutheran Center. They will continue through November 17.**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade classes began on Sept. 11. They will continue meeting on Wednesday nights from 7:15-8:00 PM through November 6—at the Lutheran Center.**



## 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 22**

- 9:00 am Service of The Word (abbreviated)
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Vasa Do-Day!
- 10:30 am 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
(Lutheran Center)
- 11:30 am Museum Open
- 1:30 pm Worship at The Gardens

Parish Pulse- September 15 & 18  
 Participating at worship 75  
 Offerings: \$2,196.00

### **Tuesday, September 24**

- 9:30 am Tuesday am Coffee

### **Wednesday, September 18**

- 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)

### **Sunday, September 29**

- 9:00 am Service of Holy Communion with Special Music (Michael Nelson)
- 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

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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!