

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Open My Eyes, Lord*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

Chorale Dorien - Jehan Alain

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We look but do not see.

**Lord, open our eyes.**

We stumble at noon as in the twilight.

**Lord, open our eyes.**

God turns our darkness into light.

**Lord, open our eyes.**

We are not forsaken: look up and see!

**Lord, open our eyes.**

*(Based on Isaiah 59:10; 42:16-18)*

### **PRAYER**

Open our eyes, Lord, **to perceive your desire for the world. Remove those things that block our vision and widen our gaze to encompass all you would have us see. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN:**

**JESUS CALLS US; O'ER THE TUMULT**

**ELW 696**

We will sing verses 1 and 3-5.

**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.**

### **KYRIE:**

**ELW 155**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Lord of abundant riches, **when asked to give everything to follow Jesus, a rich man faltered. Give us the courage to give everything that we have to you, knowing that what you offer is more valuable than all the riches in the world. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 19:7-10**

L: The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;

**C: the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;**

L: the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

**C: the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**

L: the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;

**C: the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

L: More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;

**C: sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

### **GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:17-31**

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

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

**HYMN: WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME ELW 798**  
We will sing verses 1-3

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME ELW 798**  
We will sing verses 4-5

### **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**

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

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** God of mercy and grace, **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.

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.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

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 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:** We thank you, living God, **for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR ELW 655**

**BLESSING and DISMISSAL:** Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, hands open to serve those you meet, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross.

The God who opened for us the way of everlasting life ✝ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Prelude and Fugue in A Minor, BWV 559 - J.S. Bach



**Prayer Concerns:** David Broin, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sharyn),  
Linda Thompson.

### **Assisting with Worship today:**

**Greeter:** Greg Drewianka

**Ushers:** Marvin Fredrickson, Kevin Hanson  
Mike Carlson, Jason Stahnke

**Reader:** Jeannette Anderson

**Communion:** Dan Hedeem

# This Week at Vasa

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

## Sunday, March 1

**9:00 am** Service of Holy  
Communion

**9:00 am** Sunday School

**10:15am** Easter Choir Rehearsal

## Tuesday, March 3

**9:30 am** Tuesday AM Coffee

## Wednesday, March 4

**5:00pm** Children's Bell Choir

**5:15pm** Children's Faith Formation  
First Comm. Instr.

**5:45pm** Soup/Bread supper

**6:15pm** Wed. Eve. Worship /  
Holden Eve. Prayer

## Saturday, March 7

**11:00-1:00** Vasa Museum's  
33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Soup  
Luncheon and  
Fundraiser-featuring  
*The Boat House Band!*

## Sunday, March 8

**9:00am** Service of The Word

**9:00am** Sunday School

**10:00am** Children's Bell Choir  
rehearsal

**10:15am** First Comm. Instr.

**10:15am** Easter Choir  
rehearsal

# Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Bell Ringers!!



Any children in 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>  
grade who are  
interested in  
participating in a Bell  
Choir for Palm Sunday,

we will begin practicing this Wednesday,  
March 4 at 5:00 pm in the Lutheran Center.  
There will also be a practice on Sunday  
mornings after worship, starting on March  
8. You don't need to come to both—pick the  
practice that works best for you—either  
Wednesday evenings, or Sunday mornings.  
Questions? Call Kathy Tilderquist.

### Parish Pulse

February 23, 2020

Participating at worship: 58

Offerings: \$3,680.00



## at Vasa Lutheran

**OPEN MY LIFE, LORD** is our Lenten theme this year. We will gather at 5:45 each Wednesday evening for a simple meal of soup and bread. At 6:15 we will sing Holden Evening Prayer. During worship we will pause to read Scripture and pray. As is our custom on Wednesday evenings, we will share the Lord's Supper. (*Faith Formation for elementary age students continues at 5:15.*)

**First Communion Instruction:** Two class periods are offered. One class will be held on Sunday mornings after worship in the Bride's room. This class begins on Sunday, March 8. The second class will be held on Wednesday evenings at 5:15 in the Lutheran Center. This class begins on Wednesday, March 11. Classes continue on their respective days through the month of March, culminating in the children's first communion worship serve to be held on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the church sanctuary.

## Other Happenings at Vasa during Lent...

There are several opportunities for you and your family to exercise their time and talents at Vasa Lutheran during Lent.

- **Easter Choir** will begin practicing after worship on March 1.
- **Food Shelf Collections:** Challenge your family to gather one non-perishable can or box of food every day during the season of Lent.
- **Collect loose change:** Challenge your family to put out a jar and empty their loose change into it each day. At the end of the Lenten season, donate the money to a food shelf or local charity of your choice.
- **Museum Soup Luncheon** is on March 7 from 11:00 to 1:00.

Open your life to the Lord's possibilities. You might be surprised where God leads you.