

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Promises Made, Promises Broken*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

**Sunday, September 27, 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:**

**GATHER US IN**

**ELW 532**

**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 dreams and hope, **You spoke to Joseph in his dreams, and those dreams led him to great danger. Yet you used the challenges in his life to save the lives of others. In you, no good thing is accidental. You work in us and through us, even when we are not aware of your presence. Help us to know that you are with us, and that only you are capable of turning all evil to good. This we pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Selected verses from Genesis 37 and 50**

**Genesis 37:3-8**

**Genesis 37:26-34**

**Genesis 50:15-21**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-22** Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

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

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE      O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST      ELW 632**

## **MEDITATION**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE      BE THOU MY VISION      ELW 793**

## **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:** Miley Clemens, daughter of Shane and Cary Clemens will participate in her first communion today. She and her family will kneel at the railing. The rest of the congregation will remain in the pews for communion. 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      ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY      ELW 461**

### **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.**

**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), Eileen Anderson.

**Assisting with Worship today:**  
**Reader and Communion Set Up:**  
Geri Lindholm

**Parish Pulse:**  
**September 20, 2020**  
*Participating in Worship: 50*  
*+ 6 WEW September 23*  
Total Offerings: \$3,438.00

Avery Schaffer, daughter of Chris and Amy Schaffer, received her Bible on Friday, September 25, during the recording of this Sunday's service. Congratulations, Avery!



**Weed-Whipping the cemetery grounds will take place this Tuesday, September 29 at 9AM! Please join us if you are able!**

## 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.



We are looking for a volunteer to help with managing our Vasa Flag poles. Responsibilities include changing the flags twice a year, and coordinating with Pastor Maureen for other special occasions. If you are interested, contact Pastor Maureen.



## American Red Cross

The next Vasa Community blood drive is scheduled for next Thursday, October 1( from 1-7PM) **AND** Friday, October 2 (from 9-3)—here at the Vasa Center. The food for the Blood drive staff is covered, but we are in need of 4 volunteers to greet and check-in donors. The shifts are as follows: Thursday 1-4, Thursday 4-7; Friday 9-12, Friday 12-3. If you can help, please email or call the church office and leave a message. Thank you. And thank you for making the effort to donate during these uncertain times.

FAITH IN ACTION (Red Wing) is in need of a new Church Coordinator. The coordinator is a visible presence in the congregation, who links the church with Faith in Action. This person is a helpful resource for the pastors in locating individuals with needs that might be served by Faith In Action. Also, the coordinator helps to recruit new volunteers among the congregation who would like to serve the church and community. The Coordinator contacts all volunteers on a monthly or bimonthly basis and reports to Faith in Action hours and miles provided; attends meetings tow times a year; and assists in selling tickets for the annual fundraiser at the Sheldon Theatre each Spring. If you are interested, please call the Faith In Action office at 651-327-2400.



### October 1

- Vasa Lutheran Blood Drive 1-7pm

### October 2

- Vasa Lutheran Blood Drive 9-3

### October 11

- Pastor Appreciation Day (basket will be available for cards!)

### October 14

- Free Vasa Community Dinner  
Pick-Up or Delivery ONLY  
Reservations required



### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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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!