

Vasa Lutheran Church

Wedding Banquet

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, March 24, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC BERCEUSE, FROM JOCELYN - BENJAMIN GODARD

Performed by Austin Ferguson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,
anoint us, and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,
and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home;
again and again, we lose our way.**

We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.

**We forget that you have saved your people before
and promise to do so again.**

Do not remember the deeds of our past,

but turn our faces toward the future,

where your forgiveness is sure,

your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care.

Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy.

Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day,

forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ,

leading you from death into life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: GREAT GOD, YOUR LOVE HAS CALLED US

ELW 358

We will sing verses 1 through 3.

GREETING

L: 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

ELW 158

We will sing the kyrie three times.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of celebration, **you have invited all people to rejoice in the goodness of your love. Help us to be hospitable to all people at your banquet, so that all might receive your blessing. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Revelation 19:5-9a

And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, and all who fear him, small and great." Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"-- for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:1-14

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN

WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE

ELW 719

We will sing verses 1 through 3.

SERMON

HYMN

WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE

ELW 719

We will sing verses 4 through 6.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Let's share the peace with one another.

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Generous God, **you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. 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, 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.**

SENDING HYMN

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

ELW 324

BLESSING

God, who fills the creation with abundance,
Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness,
Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,
✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE LARGO, FROM XERXES - G.F. HANDEL

Performed by Austin Ferguson



PRAYER CONCERNS: David Broin, Evans Josephson, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sterling & Sharyn) and Bonnie McRae.

SERVING US TODAY: Ushers: Marvin Fredrickson, Kevin Hanson, Mike Carlson, Jason Stahnke **Greeter(s):** LaVonne Carlson **Reader:** Greg Drewianka

PARISH PULSE: March 17, 2019 Attendance 69 Offering \$1,957.25

UPCOMING EVENTS AT VASA:

Mar. 20: Attention all 5th graders! **First Holy Communion** preparation instruction begins. Contact Pastor Maureen to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion.



Mar. 21: Women Bible Study 9:30 AM

Mar. 22: VASA Voice Submission Deadline

Mar. 31: Worship Service with Special Music - Paisley Bishop

April 4: Blood Mobile 1 to 7 PM

April 10: Free Community Dinner

April 14: Palm Sunday 9 AM in the Sanctuary

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM in the church sanctuary. Foot washing, 5th Grade First Communion and the stripping of the altar occur as a part of this worship service.

April 19: Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary. This solemn service includes reading the Passion Story from the gospel of John, as well as stripping the altar and draping the church furnishings in black.

April 21: VASA YOUTH TO SERVE EASTER BREAKFAST

Join in the Easter Celebration at Vasa and have a great breakfast with family and friends at the Lutheran Center Easter morning. The Youth of Vasa will be serving a wonderful menu of: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Assortment of Muffins, Rolls, Milk, Orange Juice and Coffee. Serving begins at 7:30 AM continues to 8:30 AM. Worship service will begin at 9:00 AM. The donations collected at the breakfast will be used for to support youth activities and missions for the year. Youth volunteers are needed for Saturday and Sunday. Volunteer schedule will be forthcoming.

April 25-26: 8-Mile Rummage and Bake Sale

Noon to 7PM on Thursday the 25th and 8AM to 4PM on Friday the 26th.

VASA MUSEUM - SAVE THE DATES

Root Beer Floats Thursday, July 4

Swedish Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 26

Additional details will be forthcoming.

VASA & WELCH 8-Mile RUMMANGE & BAKE SALE

Thursday, April 25 Noon to 7 PM

Friday, April 26 8 AM to 4 PM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Room. For additional information contact Jeannette Anderson.

MUSIC: Wednesday evenings at 7:15 PM, under the guidance of Austin Ferguson. At the end of eight weeks of practice the two groups will perform at the Palm Sunday service on April 14th and the Easter Sunday service on April 21st.



HELP A VETERAN: Everyone, with so much mail coming and going now, please save your cancelled stamps! Rosann will package them up and send them off to the Veterans Association in Arizona. Then they will be sorted, trimmed and packaged in small amounts. This aids Vets with coordination, math, and penmanship problems. Place them in envelopes in back of the church or at the Lutheran Center. Thanks, Rosann Pearson



DIRECT DOLLARS: Help Vasa Lutheran Church earn \$1,000 through the Direct Your Dollars program!

We're collecting receipts from any FamilyFare store. Drop your receipts off at the Vasa Lutheran Church or at the Vase Lutheran Center. Thank you in advance for all your support!



CAUTION! An orange cone has been placed on the East side of the Church's parking lot to identify a two-inch heave in the sidewalk. Please use caution when walking in this area.

ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Information on electronic giving to Vasa Lutheran Church is on the table near the door of the gym or at the back of the church. If you are interested in using this method of giving instead of using weekly offering envelopes, please fill out the *Authorization Form* attached to the information and bring it to the Church Office. Thank you in advance for participating in the electronic giving option.

In celebration of Minnesota FoodShare Campaign, you're invited to bring a non-perishable food item to all church activities. All donations will be shared with the Cannon Falls and Red Wing food shelf organizations.

Good Earth Village Summer 2019 registration is now open! Vasa Lutheran Church offers camp scholarships, so all children have an opportunity to experience the fun of exploring God in creation.

Contact Pastor Maureen if you have questions about the camp or if you would like to apply for a scholarship. www.goodearthvillage.org



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Vasa Mission Statement

We the Vasa congregation,
called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith
Serving others, and
Welcoming and Loving all!

Easter Flower Order



Please check one of the following:

_____ In Honor of

_____ In Loving Memory of

_____ In Memory of Loved Ones

_____ For the Beauty of the Church

Cost: \$ 14 Easter Lilly | Tulip \$15 | Begonias \$20

\$20 Cyclamen | \$20 Mum \$32.50 Hydrangea

Please circle your selection(s).

Payment must accompany this sheet and be turned in no later than Sunday, April 1st . Make checks payable to Vasa Lutheran Church. Please no late orders.

In Honor/Memory Name(s): _____

From (Your Name): _____

Lenten Series: Patches of Godlight

Lenten worship in 2019 will officially begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6th with 7:00 worship in the church sanctuary. As is our practice this service will include the imposition of ashes.

For the five Wednesday evenings that follow we will hold Lenten worship in the Lutheran Center at 6:30. Our theme is Patches of Godlight. Each evening we will sing Holden Evening Prayer, pausing in the middle to hear some Scripture and an inspirational story.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord of stories, Jesus taught us through stories and the wisdom of the shared word. Teach us through your stories, that we may learn, grow, and love. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen. (Prayer of the day for Feb 17, 2019)

Stories for the Journey is a compilation of stories collected by *William R. White*. Published by Augsburg in 1988

Stories of Faith and Faithfulness – Ash Wednesday, March 6

Exodus 3:1-6

Luke 15:4-7

The Stray Lamb page 34

Stories of Love and Forgiveness – March 13

I Corinthians 8

Compassion pages 55-56

Stories of Prayer and Worship – March 20

Mark 2:23-28 or Luke 6:1-5 (same story, different gospel)

Exodus 20:8-11 or Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Three Sabbaths pages 64-66

Stories of Community and Hospitality – March 27

Luke 10:25-37

Stone Soup pages 70-73

Stories of Justice and Courage – April 3

Luke 19:1-10

Ruth and Tobias pages 91-93

Stories of Simplicity and Discipleship – April 10

Matthew 12:9-14 or Luke 14:1-6 (different stories w/ similar teaching intent)

Soap and Religion page 99

This phrase is the title of a book by Jan Karon. Ms. Karon compiled many quotes as she researched and prepared to write the Mitford Series of books with Father Tim, the Episcopal priest in Mitford. She writes in the introduction that the phrase comes from the writings of C.S. Lewis.