

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *The Good Samaritan*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us.**

**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined  
and mend what we have torn.**

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**

**Make us alive in the Spirit**

**to follow in the way of Jesus,**

**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN    LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW    ELW 527**

#### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

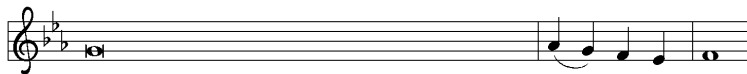
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



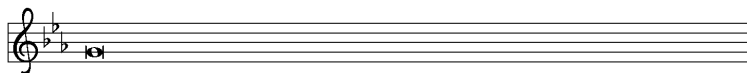
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



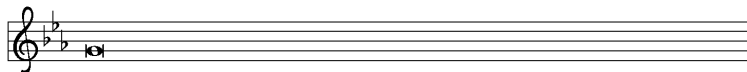
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Compassionate God,  
**How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Psalm 15**

L: O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**C: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

L: who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,

**C: nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;  
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,**

L: but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

**C: who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

**Luke 10:25-42** 25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

L: Word of God, word of life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US ELW 789**

### **MEDITATION**

**HYMN O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT ELW 714**

We will sing verses 1, 2, 5, and 6.

### **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:** Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

### **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS:** After the words of institution you will be invited to partake in the body and blood of Christ. We believe that God is present with us as we share in this sacred meal.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.  
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

## **THE 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.**

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

### 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.

**PRAYER** God of steadfast love, **at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN: SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

ELW 310

### BLESSING

You are what God made you to be:  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved,  
freed to serve your neighbor.  
God bless you † that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.  
**Amen.**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Jerry McRae, Eileen Anderson, Paul Mikaelson, Gloria Skog, Bob Crouse, Pauline Carlson, Einar Norman, Merle Pearson.



Our Lenten theme is Suffering and Redemption: the Women of Genesis. Each week as a part of worship we will read a difficult story from the book of Genesis. On February 24 we will hear the story of Hagar and Sarah: Cast Out and Restored with readings from Genesis 16 and 21.

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The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Vasa Museum Soup Luncheon Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, from 11:00AM-1:00. The menu includes your choice of Vegetable Beef, Chicken Wild Rice, or Chili. Also included is French bread, Ellsworth Cheese Curds and a bar for dessert.



**Is Back on March 10!!** After a temporary pause, we are thrilled to resume this cherished ministry for the Vasa Community and surrounding area. On the menu is Ham & Escalloped Potatoes! We are still honoring Covid-19 protocols, so we will be doing meal deliveries or pick-ups only, and reservations for the meals are still required – so

please spread the word. Call or email the office and leave message that includes how many meals you want, and if you prefer delivery. **The resesrvation deadline is March 3, at 1:00PM.** Please make every effort to honor this deadline as it helps so much with our preparation and planning.



**The 2020 Vasa Lutheran annual report is now complete. Thanks to everyone who submitted their committee reports so it could be assembled in compliance with the bylaws ahead of the Annual Meeting which is scheduled for February 28 at 9:45, after worship.**

**Copies of the report are available this year by request—meaning there will not be copies available at the annual meeting as in years past. You can receive a copy via email, regular mail, or by stopping by the Lutheran Center to pick one up. Just call or email the office and let Emily know your preference. There will also be a sign up sheet at church for the next two Sundays.**



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