

Vasa Lutheran Church

Who are You? Whose are You?

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist – Austin Ferguson

Sunday, November 3, 2019

All Saints Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY:

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. As we gather at the Lord's table we gather in an oval, the gaps filled by the faithful cloud of witnesses that surround us beyond these walls. It's as if they stand in support of us as we continue to bear witness to the promises of God.

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.

Water will be poured into the font as the pastor gives thanks.

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: FOR ALL THE SAINTS (VS. 1, 4-7)

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We live wearing our baptismal robes and our burial shrouds.

We confess that sometimes our shroud of mourning wraps around us so tight that we cannot escape our grief. We confess that as we mourn the deaths of those we love, with throats sore from our wailing and our tears, we cannot speak the words of Martha to proclaim, "Yes, Lord, I believe" (John 11:27).

We confess that we do not have strength to proclaim it, and we lean on the voices around us who recite, "We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

We confess that we are tired, hungry, worn out by the weight of the death and sin that surrounds us.

We confess that we sometimes forget what that heavenly banquet tastes like.

You do not have to end your weeping, but know that God desires to wipe away every tear.

You do not have to have the strength to say the names of your dead today, but know that the Lord knows and cares for all souls. You do not have to have the taste of heaven on your lips today, but you are invited to eat the bread of heaven.

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come; We give you thanks for all your faithful people, who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place. Today we remember:

Bonnie McRae, and Sterling Sorenson

As we remember these people, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

REVELATIONS 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

LIGHTING OF THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

Worshippers are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of loved ones.



P: O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

COLLECTION OF OUR GIFTS FOR GOD, INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERING PRAYER: (in unison) 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

P: May the God of mercy be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We gather at this table, God's table

C: The table has been set long before we were born

P: There are places for all who have gone before us

C: We take their hands as we approach to be received

P: You are welcome at this table, Christ's table

C: The faithful ones are gathered with us from all generations

P: We lift up the memories of loved ones we no longer see

**C: We open our hearts to the presence of loved ones who are with God,
for God is present with us**

P: This is the table of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of restoration

C: This is the table for all the saints of God.

Come, for all things are ready.

P: Holy are you, O Lord, and great is your majesty. All the saints in heaven and on earth sing their praise of your eternal glory. For in the beginning, you prepared the worlds by your holy Word, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. You laid out your holy plan of creation and redemption, that all who might know you would have faith, not in things seen, but in things not seen. Through faith and the law you used your prophets and apostles to call people from every nation, tribe and language.

C: Holy, holy, holy, God of wondrous acts.

All creation rejoices in you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who remains faithful to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

P: In your son, Jesus, you revealed your desire to bless the poor in spirit and the pure of heart; to wipe away the tears of those who mourn; and to satisfy all hunger for righteousness and peace. Though he was persecuted and killed, you raised him to life, and with him you are saving all who keep faith so that they may be like him when his final glory is revealed.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and giving thanks, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

As we celebrate our redemption, as we remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

**C: Christ died, his faith making us well;
Christ rose, that we might live with him;
Christ will come again, to present us before God.**

P: Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise at all times through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 *The congregation will receive communion by kneeling at the altar railing. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children not yet of communicant age are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION God of blessing, **at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

SHINE, JESUS SHINE

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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

P: Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Prayer Concerns

David Broin, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sharyn), Brenda Bradley and her family, Linda Thompson, Kathy Jacobson, Jim Freeberg, Deb Ruby (Ed Gruber's daughter)



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| • 11-7 | NOON | Lunch and Learn Session 1 – <i>Legal Needs of the Elderly</i> |
| • 11-14 | NOON | Lunch and Learn Session 2 – <i>Hospice Care</i> |
| • 11-17 | 9:00 AM | Confirmation |
| • 11-20 | NOON | Lunch and Learn Session 3 – <i>Funeral Planning</i> |
| • 11-23 | | Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack at Cannon Falls High School. |
| • 11-27 | 7 PM | Thanksgiving Eve Service |
| • 12-7 | 9 – 3 | Winter Bazaar |
| • 12-15 | 10:30 AM | Children's Christmas Program, |

This Week at Vasa

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

Sunday, November 3

9:00 am ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Service of Holy Communion
Christmas Program Rehearsal

10:30 am Christmas Eve Choir
rehearsal

Monday, November 4

9:30 am Property Team
6:30 pm Museum Board
6:30 pm Parish Life Team
7:30 pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, November 5

9:00 am Tuesday AM Coffee

Wednesday, November 6

5:15 pm Faith Formation for kids
6:15 pm Wed. Evening worship +
Everyday Bible Conversation
7:15 pm 9th Grade Confirmation

Thursday, November 7

NOON Lunch and Learn – *Legal
Needs of the Elderly*

Pastor Maureen will be away from the Office

Sunday November 3 through Tuesday Noon.

Parish Pulse- October 27 and 30

Participating at worship 71

Offerings: \$2,306.00



Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas program begin in November, starting today, November 3, during Sunday School. Practices will also be held on Wednesday evening during faith formation classes. On December 1 and 8, rehearsals will be at the Lutheran Center from 9-10 on Sunday mornings. All children are invited and encouraged to be involved in the December Sunday morning rehearsals in order for the program to be the best it can be.

Calling all Singers!!

Rehearsals for the Christmas Eve Choir begin today, Nov. 3, after worship, at 10:30!





The museum has changed the display in the Gathering Room. The new display consists of Harvest photos from the Vasa area. They are from both days of the past and also some current harvesting pictures. There is also a folk art painting of a harvest scene done by a long time resident of the Vasa area, Oscar Thompson. Mr. Thompson has passed on some time ago, but the museum is lucky enough to have several of his folk art paintings.

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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!