

Vasa Lutheran Church

Following Jesus

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, August 4, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
against one another,
and against the earth entrusted to our care.**

**We are worried and distracted by many things,
and we fail to love you above all else.**

**We store up treasures for ourselves
and turn away from our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt,
God made us alive together with Christ,
forgiving us + all our trespasses

by taking our sins to the cross.

For freedom Christ has set us free:

Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

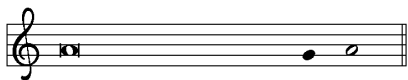
GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

ELW 705

GREETING: 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.

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



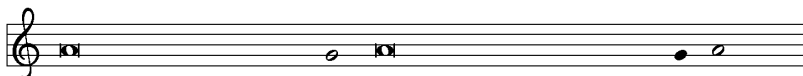
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



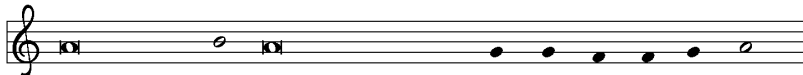
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, **you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 146 (read responsively)

L: Praise the LORD!

C: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

L: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

L: Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**C: When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

C: whose hope is in the LORD their God,

L: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

C: who keeps faith forever;

L: who executes justice for the oppressed;

C: who gives food to the hungry.

L: The LORD sets the prisoners free;

C: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

L: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

C: the LORD loves the righteous.

L: The LORD watches over the strangers;

C: he upholds the orphan and the widow,

L: but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**C: The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the LORD!

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:13-23

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	IN A LOWLY MANGER BORN	ELW 718
SERMON		
HYMN OF THE DAY	LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE	ELW 710

CONFESSION OF FAITH 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let's share this peace with one another.

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, **for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we
are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body
of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your
generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 O God, in this holy communion
**you have welcomed us into your presence,
nourished us with words of mercy,
and fed us at your table.
Amid the cares of this life,
strengthen us to love you with all our heart,
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,
and honor the earth you have made;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,
and abound in thanksgiving;
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**Prayer Concerns**

David Broin, Evans Josephson, Sterling Sorenson, Mary Nelson, Max Tilderquist, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sterling & Sharyn), Brenda Bradley (second "mama" to Austin F.)

Serving Today at Worship

Ushers: Rick Samuelson, Duane Hanson, Rodney Nelson, Bruce Tilderquist

Reader: BJ Norman

Communion Assistant: Terri Mandelkow

YVONNE BELIN'S BIRTHDAY: Yvonne Belin, wife of former Pastor Ralph Belin, turns 90 on Aug 18. Her wish for her birthday is that people from Vasa share remembrances of her with her. If you can send a note with something you remember about Yvonne, her address is: 4710 Cumberland St, Apt. 231, Shoreview, MN 55126. Thanks for helping.

This Week's Vasa Calendar

Church Office Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9am-1pm

Sunday, August 4

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

11:30 am Museum Open

Monday, August 5

6:30 pm Museum Board Meeting

7:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 6

9:30 am Tuesday am Coffee

6:00 pm Night to Unite Celebration

Wednesday, August 7

6:15 pm Wednesday Evening Worship

Sunday, August 11

9:00 am Service of the Word

11:30 am Museum Open

Parish Pulse- July 24 and 28

Participating at worship 6 and 68

Offerings \$3,126.00

Endowment offering: \$8,430.00

CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES: The Church Basement Ladies will be performing a new play: "Hark, the Basement Ladies Sing" at the Ames Center in Burnsville. This play takes place in Dec, 1960. If you would like to attend this play on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 1 pm with a group from Vasa, **please let the church office know by Tuesday, Aug 6.** Groups of 10 can get tickets for \$28 per person and we can try to arrange some car pooling. There will probably be a charge for purchasing tickets online also.



BLOOD DRIVE AT VASA: The next blood drive at Vasa will be Thursday, August 8 from 1-7 pm. We need a volunteer to check in donors from 12:45-4 pm. There is also a critical need for blood of every type. Please consider giving, and if you can't give blood, consider helping at the drive to keep the donors moving smoothly. Please call the church office to volunteer to help.

HEARING DEVICE FOR WORSHIP: Vasa does have personal devices to help you hear in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for help if you would like to try one to see if it helps.

HYMNS ON TAP: On Sunday, Aug. 11, there will be an afternoon of Hymns on Tap at Tillion Brewery in Cannon Falls from 4-6 pm. Pastors Cindy and Nick Fisher-Broin from Spring Garden and Drew Yackel from Urland invite you to join them for an afternoon of singing hymns with your neighbors.

GOOD SAM JAM: At 6:30 pm on Sunday, Aug. 11, Singer and songwriter Brother Timothy (Timothy Frantzich) and his family will entertain at First Congregational United Church of Christ as a fund-raiser for the Community Churches Interaction Council Good Samaritan Fund which serves those who need emergency funds to meet expenses beyond their immediate abilities. Brother Timothy and his family will sing everything from Neil Young to John Prine, original songs, and even old hymns. A free will donation of \$10-20 is suggested. Root beer floats will be served following the concert.

GOODSTOCK: Over the weekend of August 16-18, there will be activities, family fun, a fair trade market, food trucks, and music at Good Earth Village, which is celebrating 50 years of ministry. On Aug. 16, Tim Hildebrandt & The Level Best Band will perform, as well as Six Mile Grove. On Saturday, Aug. 17, performing will be Dennis Warner (Hilltop Stage), Peter Mayer, Moors and McCumber, and Rachel Kurtz & the Band. On Sunday, Aug 18, there will be Worship at Three Crosses. Celebrate with Good Earth Village and enjoy the fun.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The next Women's Bible Study will be held on Thursday, Aug 15 at 9:30 am. All women are welcome to attend.