

Vasa Lutheran Church

Jacob's Dream

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, September 26, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY Last week we heard about Abraham and Isaac. When Isaac grew up, he married Rebekah, and they became the parents of twins Esau and Jacob. Even in the womb, they wrestled and made Rebekah's life miserable. When she prayed about it, God told her that she was giving birth to two nations, and that the younger would take precedence over the older. Throughout their lives, Jacob and Esau struggled with each other -- Esau was their father's favorite, and Jacob was their mother's favorite. We pick up the story today near the end of their father Isaac's life, when he is thinking of his legacy and how his sons will carry on when he is gone.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

GOD IS HERE!

ELW 526

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 157

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 167

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Loving God, **Like Jacob, who dreamed of your promises, you have filled us with dreams, too. Show us your promises in our dreams, and give us ability to follow our dreams. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING Selected readings from Genesis 27 and 28

Genesis 27:1-4 When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." 2 He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. 3 Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. 4 Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

Genesis 27:15-23 Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; 16 and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. 17 Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob. 18 So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" 19 Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." 20 But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." 21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." 22 So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." 23 He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

Genesis 28:10-17 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; 14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. 15 Know that

I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." 16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place-- and I did not know it!" 17 And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN:

BLESSING AND HONOR

ELW 854

SERMON

HYMN

SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART

ELW 800

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS:

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Today, we welcome: Maureen and John Hauck,
Sydney McNamara and (fiancé) Blake Johnson
Roger Guttromson.

CONFESSION OF FAITH IN THE WORDS OF THE APOSTLES'S 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.**

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism
among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.
I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God,
do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

WELCOME

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.
**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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

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.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

SENDING HYMN:

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

ELW 325

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson, Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelson, Grace Nelson, Zac Carlson, and Pauline Carlson.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*Usher: **Kevin Eckblad***
*Reader: **Geri Lindholm***

Assisting Next Week:

*Usher: **Steve Hyllengren***
*Reader: **Kathy Tilderquist***
*Communion Assistant: **Greg Drewianka***

Parish Pulse:

September 19, 2021

Participating in Worship:
71 (+ 7 at WEW 09/22/21)
Total Offerings: \$1,695.00

CHURCH COUNCIL DECISION REGARDING MASK WEARING DURING WORSHIP:

With the Delta variant of Covid still circulating, the Vasa Church Council, at their Monday, Sept. 20, meeting, and at the recommendation of the Parish Life Team, reviewed the possibility of resuming Covid protocols during worship. After lengthy discussion, the Council voted that mask-wearing is optional, but not required, during worship. The Council also recommended that we resume the use of pre-packaged portions during communion. We will return to this Communion practice at the October 3rd worship service. The council will revisit these decisions at their October meeting.



Fuel Fund: As winter approaches, Vasa Congregation does everything possible to minimize heating costs in all of our buildings. While Vasa's finances are in solid shape, the finance team wants to encourage you to consider an additional gift to the church directed toward the fuel fund.



Looking for an "over the winter" indoor project? Vasa has three picnic tables that need to be sanded down and re-painted. We will move them to your shed/garage. We will also provide the paint. Contact Pastor Maureen.

NEED A T-SHIRT??

Vasa has over 180 Thrivent shirts in all sizes (and a variety of colors) from kid small to adult 3-XL. They are in the office and they're free!!



Free Community Dinner



The October Community Dinner is scheduled for October 13! The October menu includes: Tater Tot Hot Dish, cole slaw, dinner roll and a bar. **Meal reservations are DUE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH!!**

Reservation forms are at the back of the church and at the Lutheran Center. Or, you may call or email the church office with your meal requests. Please include your name, phone number, how many meals, and Drive Through or Delivery preference. 651-258-4327 office@vasalutheran.org

ALSO...If you are interested in helping with the October dinner preparation, sign up sheets are at the back of the church on Sundays, or in the foyer of the Lutheran Center during the week.

Mark your calendar for these future Community Dinner dates and reservation deadlines:

November 10 – Thanksgiving Dinner (reservation deadline November 3)
December 8 – Swedish Meatballs (reservation deadline December 1)

We, the Vasa
Congregation,
Called by God,
commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others,
Welcoming and
Loving All.



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