

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Who are You? Whose are You?*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, September 8, 2019**

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

Dorian Echo Fantasy - Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the strength of our ancestors and the builder of the city that is to come.

**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.  
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our helper,

**we confess the many ways**

**we have failed to live as your disciples.**

**We have not finished what we began.**

**We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.**

**We have been captivated by our possessions.**

**Lift our burdens, gracious God.**

**Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.**

**Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us**

**in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.

Put your trust in these promises:

God will never leave you or forsake you.

You who were lost have been found.

For the sake of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN:**

### **MORNING HAS BROKEN**

**ELW 556**

**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.**

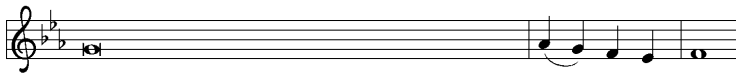
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



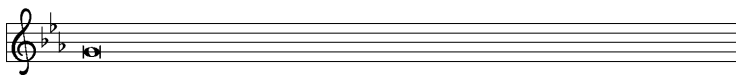
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



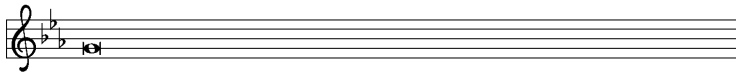
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**HYMN OF PRAISE: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME**

**ELW 414**

We will sing verses 1,2, and 4.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Holy Creator, **you created women and men in your own image to till the earth and help one another. Give us hearts to continue tending to all that you have made so that the earth will sustain life for generations to come. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 2:4b-25**

At the conclusion of the lesson the reader will say, "Word of God, word of life." Please respond with, "**Thanks be to God.**"

**MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**HYMN: EARTH AND ALL STARS**

**ELW 731**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY GOD, WHO STRETECHED THE SPANGLED**

**ELW 771**

**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.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us share the peace with one another.

**COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** 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.**

### **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:**

**THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD**

**ELW 824**

### **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**

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

Largo, from *Xerxes* - G.F. Handel



### **Prayer Concerns**

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

## **This Week's Vasa Calendar**

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

Sunday, September 8

9:00 am Service of The Word

11:30 am Museum Open

Tuesday, September 10

9:30 am Tuesday am Coffee

6:00 pm Weed Trimming at Cemetery

Wednesday, September 11

5:30 pm Vasa Community Dinner  
(no Wed. Evening Worship)

7:15 pm 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Lutheran Center)

Sunday, September 15

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

10:30 am 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Lutheran Center)

11:30 am Museum Open

Parish Pulse- September 1 & 4  
Participating at worship 42 and 7  
Offerings \$1,232.00



COMMUNITY DINNER

**SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY DINNER:** The September Community Dinner will be on Wednesday, September 11 beginning at 5:30. The meal will be chicken. Sign-up sheets for donations of food and time are in the gathering space.



**TWO Opportunities to help out!**

**Weed Trim** the Cemetery 6:00 PM  
Tuesday, Sept. 10. Cemetery committee would appreciate any help at that time, or earlier if that works better for you!

**DO-DAY** will be Sunday September 22, following a brief worship service. Thanks to all of your suggestions, we have a good list of projects to keep us busy! There will be activities for children as well. So please plan to stay and help out!



New Member  
Sunday will be  
September 15!



7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade classes will begin on Sunday, September 15 at 10:30 AM in the Lutheran Center. They will continue through November 15.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade classes will begin Wednesday September 11, and will meet from 7:15-8:00 PM at the Lutheran Center. They will meet through November 6<sup>th</sup>.

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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!

**Everyday Bible Conversations**

In the middle of our Wednesday Evening Worship service we read the appointed Scripture for the next Sunday and spend time in conversation about the questions that are stirred up within us. My intent as pastor is to listen carefully to your questions and conversation and then address them during the sermon on the following Sunday. We call this part of the Wednesday service "Everyday Bible Conversations."

As has long been the practice we begin worship each week with confession and forgiveness and close with holy communion. We recently added time for prayers for those that we know and love who are struggling with health concerns.

Wednesday Evening Worship is a treasured time of immersion into the Scripture. The group is small but eager to learn more about what the Bible teaches. If the Holy Spirit has been nudging you to dig more deeply into the Scripture, this is an opportunity.