

Vasa Lutheran Church

Following Jesus

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, September 1, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the strength of our ancestors,
the host of this meal, 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: GOD OF TEMPEST, GOD OF WHIRLWIND ELW 400

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.

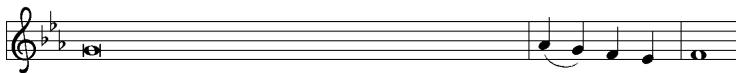
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



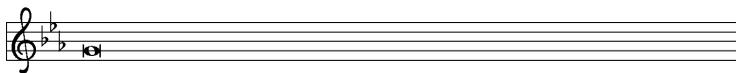
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, **you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First reading: 1 Kings 18: 7-18

Psalm 82:

L: God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment.

C: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

L: Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

C: They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

L: I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

C: Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel: John 18:28-38

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: HAVE NO FEAR LITTLE FLOCK ELW 764

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: BLESSED ASSURANCE ELW 638

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.**

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

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.**

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.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

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 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: THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE ELW 729

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



Prayer Concerns

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

Serving Today at Worship:

Ushers: Randy Klein, Jason Pagel, Chuck Peterson, Kevin Eckblad

Reader: Geri Lindholm

Communion Assistant: Gail Strusz-Klein



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.



Sunday School begins next week!! All children ages 3 through grade 6 are welcome. Anyone interested in teaching, please contact Geri Lindholm (651-258-4209.)

Remember...

**Property Committee meets Tuesday 9/3 at 5:30.
Parish Life meets Tuesday 9/3 at 6:30**

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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.

Parish Pulse- August 25 & 28

Participating at worship 44 and 4

Offerings \$875.00