

Vasa Lutheran Church
The Lament over Jerusalem

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, February 28, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY ELW 858

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

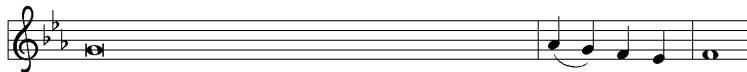
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



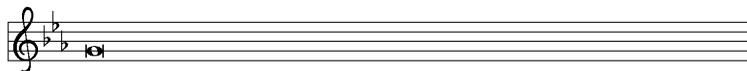
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



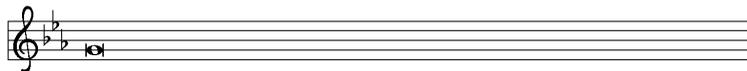
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy One of mighty power, **Your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 122

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

C: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

L: Jerusalem-- built as a city that is bound firmly together.

C: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

L: For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

L: Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers."

C: For the sake of my relatives and friends

I will say, "Peace be within you."

**For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.**

Luke 13:1-9 and 31-35 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them-- do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." 6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' 8 He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent

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.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ be with you now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER God of steadfast love, **at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

GREAT IS THEIR FAITHFULNESS

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BLESSING

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you + that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Jerry McRae, Eileen Anderson, Paul Mikaelson, Gloria Skog, Bob Crouse, Pauline Carlson, Einar Norman, Merle Pearson.

Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00pm



Our Lenten theme this year is Suffering and Redemption: the Women of Genesis. Each week as a part of worship we will read a difficult story from the book of Genesis. On March 3 we will hear the story of Lot's Daughters: Dispossessed and Choosing Life. The Scripture text is Genesis 19:8, 30-38.

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The 34th Annual Vasa Museum Soup Luncheon Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, from 11:00AM-1:00. The menu includes your choice of Vegetable Beef, Chicken Wild Rice, or Chili. Also included is French bread, Ellsworth Cheese Curds and a bar for dessert.

Again, because of Covid-19 Restrictions, the soup lunches will be available for pick-up only, and **you must reserve your soup choice ahead of time by either completing a reservation form, calling (651-258-4327) or emailing the office (vasalutheran@sleepyeyetel.net).** **Reservations are due by 1:00pm, MARCH 3, 2021.** *Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward new windows for the Vasa Museum.*



Is Back--on March 10!! After a temporary pause, we are thrilled to resume this cherished ministry for the Vasa Community and surrounding area. On the menu is Ham & Escalloped Potatoes! We are still honoring Covid-19 protocols, so we will be doing meal deliveries or pick-ups only, and reservations for the meals are still required – so

please spread the word. Call or email the office and leave message that includes how many meals you want, and if you prefer delivery. **The resesrvation deadline is March 3, at 1:00PM.** Please make every effort to honor this deadline as it helps so much with our preparation and planning.



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