

Vasa Lutheran Church

God Promises a New Covenant

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Sunday, November 22, 2020

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: AWAKE, MY SOUL, AND WITH THE SUN ELW 557

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God whose fondness for humanity knows no limit, **Write your word upon our hearts, so that we need no scroll, no book, no script to know that you love us. Show us the power of your covenant, that you will be faithful to us, even when we fail to remain faithful to you. For the beauty of your word inscribed upon us, we pray, in the name of the one whose body**

**and blood became your new covenant with us, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Selections from Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28, then
Jeremiah 31:31-34

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

MUSICAL INTERLUDE THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS ELW 502

MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE ELW 605

PROFESSION 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT:

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: We will remain in the pews for communion today. Each of you should have picked up a communion portion prior to worship. After the words of institution you will be invited to open your portion and serve yourself.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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.

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

Give us the courage to follow in the foot steps of Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying...

**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.

Let us pray (*in unison*) Lord Jesus,
**in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.
Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN ELW 536

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Jessie Otto, Jerry McRae, Eileen Anderson, The Family of Mary Nelson, Kathi Pearson (Rosann's daughter-in-law), Marilyn Hanson, Sherri Broin.

...Items of Interest...



The Vasa Christmas tree will be set up on Friday, November 27, beginning at 1:00pm. Any “Fluffers” who are available to help would be greatly appreciated. No experience required, but masks are! We will account for social distancing as well.



The annual Children’s Christmas Program will be done “virtually” this year. Various families have taken parts of the Christmas story and are creating video re-enactments of their part. On December 6 the video clips will be sent (via email) to markhagenster@gmail.com for final editing. A video presentation will be released for viewing on Sunday, December 20.



The Goodhue County Sharing Tree will be up with ornaments available to take on Sunday, November 22. Because of the Council’s decision to suspend in-person worship and gatherings, the tree will be in the lobby of the Lutheran Center. The Center will be open Monday-Friday, 9:00AM -6:30PM for anyone wishing to stop by and grab an ornament. Please plan to bring your gifts to the Center by Tuesday afternoon, December 15, so we can get them packed up and ready for delivery by Sunday, December 20.



American Red Cross

The American Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 24, 1:00-7:00pm is FULL! Thanks to all who have signed up to make this such a success. The donations are needed now more than ever.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Vasa is still collecting donations for the local food shelves through the end of November. We have already made donations exceeding 125 lbs. of food, but the need is great. Please drop off your donations (including monetary ones) at the Lutheran Center any time during the week.



COMMUNITY DINNER

It is with great regret that we have made the decision to cancel the December Community Dinner. We are mindful of the tremendous need, but equally mindful of everyone’s health and safety at this precarious time— not only our dedicated fleet of volunteers, but also the people we serve. We hope to resume our routine of Pick-Ups and Deliveries in January.