

**Vasa Lutheran Church**  
*The Ascension of Our Lord*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**    **The Covid-19 year**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and planted us in a well-watered garden.  
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.  
When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.  
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.  
We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font,  
and for all water everywhere.  
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Lord Jesus, after your death and resurrection you sent your followers into the world to proclaim your resurrection to the entire world. Send us into the world to bear witness to all you have done in our lives. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 23

Acts 1:1-14

## **SPECIAL MUSIC from Dave Carpenter**

### **SERMON**

### **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

### **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.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

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

### **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

### **BLESSING**

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Kerry Sorenson, Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist,  
David Broin, Jessie Otto.

### Parish Pulse

#### **March 15 & 18, 2020**

Participating at Worship: 57

Total Offerings: \$1,660.00

#### **March 20, 2020**

*Participating in Spirit: ALL*

Total Offerings: \$1,085.00

#### **March 27, 2020**

*Participating in Spirit: ALL*

Total Offerings: \$705.00

#### **April 3, 2020**

*Participating in Spirit: ALL*

Total Offerings: \$4,994.81

#### **April 10, 2020**

*Participating in Spirit: ALL*

Total Offerings: \$6,825.00



## **American Red Cross**

**VASA LUTHERAN DOES IT'S  
PART DURING THE  
PANDEMIC!**

**We currently have 42 people  
signed up for the blood drive  
on April 30, and we have 47  
slots available. Thanks to all  
who are making this a  
success! The need is greater  
than ever.**

"No act of  
kindness  
however small  
is ever  
wasted"  
Aesop