

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Transfiguration of Jesus

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Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, February 14, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.**

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.**

Forgive us, gracious God,

for all we have done and left undone.

**Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;**

receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice

and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE ELW 834

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Dazzling Lord, **in blinding light you showed your disciples a hint of your power and purpose. Reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to broadcast your love to the world, for the sake of the one who keeps company with the prophets Moses and Elijah, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalms 36: 5-10

L: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**C: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

L: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

C: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

L: They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**C: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.
O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart**

Luke 9:28-45

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

ELW 838

SERMON

HYMN

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

ELW 632

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.*

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: After the words of institution you will be invited to partake in the body and blood of Christ. We believe that God is present with us in our homes as we share in this sacred meal.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.
We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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 Christ Jesus, **at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

ELW 671

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 7PM



Wednesday, Feb. 17th is Ash Wednesday. Worship with the imposition of ashes and communion will be in the sanctuary at 7:00.

Our Lenten theme 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 Ash Wednesday we will hear the story of Eve: Tempted and Redeemed with readings from Genesis 2 and 3.



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.



Vasa Lutheran is continuing to collect food for the local food shelves through the end of February because the need is still so great. Please feel free to drop off your donations at the Lutheran Center



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 reservation 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.



The 2020 Vasa Lutheran annual report is now complete. Thanks to everyone who submitted their committee reports so it could be assembled in compliance with the bylaws ahead of the Annual Meeting which is scheduled for February 28 at 9:45, after worship.

Copies of the report are available this year by request—meaning there will not be copies available at the annual meeting as in years past. You can receive a copy via email, regular mail, or by stopping by the Lutheran Center to pick one up. Just call or email the office and let Emily know your preference. There will also be a sign up sheet at church for the next two Sundays.



Mark your calendars for the upcoming Vasa Rummage Sale to be held **April 22 & 23** (Note the corrected date!) Let's make this the most successful rummage sale ever!!! Questions? Call Faye Drewianka at 651-212-3209.