

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*When the Floods Rise*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

**Sunday, June 30, 2019**

**PRELUDE MUSIC BY THE EARNEY'S**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another,  
and against the earth entrusted to our care.**

**We are worried and distracted by many things,  
and we fail to love you above all else.**

**We store up treasures for ourselves  
and turn away from our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ,  
forgiving us ✚ all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross.

For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: "The Wings of a Dove"**

The Earney's will sing the verses. Please join in singing the refrain.

**On the wings of a snow-white dove**

**He sends His pure sweet love**

**A sign from above**

**On the wings of a dove**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Teach us, good Lord God, **to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: Selections by the Earney's**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 69:1-16

L: Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

**C: I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;  
I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.**

L: I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched.

**C: My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.**

L: More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause;

**C: many are those who would destroy me,  
my enemies who accuse me falsely.**

L: What I did not steal must I now restore?

**C: O God, you know my folly;  
the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.**

L: Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me,  
O Lord GOD of hosts;

**C: do not let those who seek you be dishonored because of me,  
O God of Israel.**

L: It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.

**C: I have become a stranger to my kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

L: It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;  
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

**C: When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.**

L: When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.

**C: I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

L: But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.

**C: At an acceptable time, O God,  
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.**

L: With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire;  
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

**C: Do not let the flood sweep over me,  
or the deep swallow me up,  
or the Pit close its mouth over me.**

L: Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;

**C: according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

## **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 7:7-11**

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**

### **SERMON**

#### **MUSICAL SELECTIONS by The Earney's**

##### **WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**

**ELW 742**

We will sing verses 1 and 3.

##### **HOW GREAT THOU ART**

**ELW 856**

We will sing verses 1, 2, and 4.

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

With the whole church, let us confess our 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**

After each petition the pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy,"  
Please respond with, "**hear our prayer.**"

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let's share the peace with one another.

### **COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, **for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our 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.**

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.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.  
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 intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children will receive a blessing.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, **in this holy communion  
you have welcomed us into your presence,  
nourished us with words of mercy,  
and fed us at your table.**  
**Amid the cares of this life,  
strengthen us to love you with all our heart,  
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,  
and honor the earth you have made;  
through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**

**ELW 888**

We will sing verses 1 and 3. The Earney's will sing verse 2.

**BLESSING**

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,  
and abound in thanksgiving;  
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God,  
be upon you and remain with you forever.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Serving Today at Worship**

Ushers: Steve Hyllengren, Duane Martenson, Dahmon Romness, John Featherstone

Greeter: Arleen Stahnke

Reader: Kathy Tilderquist

Communion Assistant: Marilyn Hanson



**Prayer Concerns**

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

## **This Week's Vasa Calendar**

*Church Office Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9am-1pm*

Sunday, June 30

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

11:30 am Museum Open

Monday, July 1

6:30 pm Museum Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 2

9:30 am Coffee with Pastor Maureen

Wednesday, July 3

6:15 pm Wednesday Evening Worship

Thursday, July 4

1:00 pm Museum Open

1:00 pm Root beer floats at the Gazebo

3:00 pm Vasa Parade for 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Sunday, July 8

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

Parish Pulse- June 19 & June  
23

Participating at worship 10 &  
108

Offerings \$1,335.00

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASS:** Dahmon Romness conducts Discipleship class at 12:30 pm every Sunday at the Vasa Lutheran Center. If you have any questions about this class, please contact Dahmon at: 651-494-7938. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**MUSEUM:** The museum will be open on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July from 1-2:30 pm for anyone wanting to see the treasures it holds. The museum committee will hold its annual root beer float fund-raiser on the 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 pm near the Gazebo. Cool off with a root beer float while watching the parade which starts at 3 pm.

**WELCA:** WELCA will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in July instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week since Pastor Maureen will be on vacation on the normal meeting date. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

WELCA is looking for people to help make denim and flannel quilts. Two types of help are needed. One or two people are needed to cut 6-inch squares out of donated denim blue jeans. We also are looking for people who are interested in sewing a quilt using the denim and flannel. Talk to Jeannette Anderson for more details.

**DIRECT DOLLARS:** Help Vasa Lutheran Church earn \$1,000 through the Direct our Dollars program! We're collecting receipts from any Family Fare store. Drop your receipts off at the Vasa Lutheran Church or at the Vasa Lutheran Center. Thank you in advance for all your support!



**ONLINE GIVING OPTION:** The Vasa Lutheran Church Council has authorized the option of online giving through use of your Smartphone. Online giving helps keep our offering steady throughout the year, because you can either give one time or make a recurring gift through your phone from where ever you are. Here's what to do:

- Download the FREE GivePlus Church app on your phone (works on Apple or Android phone)
- Find Vasa Lutheran Church in the list of churches
- Make a one-time or recurring donation using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account
- You can log in with an account you set up or donate as a guest
- Your donation is secure through the use of a PIN, password, or Touch ID/Fingerprint if your phone has that capability

Donations go through Vanco which has historically been our site for weekly/biweekly/monthly giving. We have never had security issues with this company. This is an easy way to give. Right now, donations go into the general fund or the Lutheran Center Roof Fund—your choice.

You can also give online through our web page, [vasalutheran.org](http://vasalutheran.org). Go to the "About" page and look for the heading "Donating to Vasa". Set up an account there through Vanco and you can make a one time or recurring payment to Vasa through your debit or credit card. Thanks in advance for thinking of Vasa in your giving.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE:** We had 50 students participate in VBS last week, learning to go beyond with Faith, Boldness, Kindness, and Thankfulness. Thanks to the adult and teen helpers: Gail Strusz-Klein, Cynthia Gianoli, Vickie Weckerling, Faye Drewianka, Courtney Hovel, Andrea Mandelkow, Deb Donath, Katie Skog, Andrea Gillis, Lily Rosener, Ava Stehr, Madison McCann, and Madison's cousin Jillian. Martha Hanson, Jennifer Bauch, Mike & Vicky Bauch, and Teresa Schmidt helped supervise some of the 3 year olds. Pastor Maureen told the Bible stories of Daniel in the Lion's Den, Queen Esther, the Good Samaritan, and the 10 Lepers and did activities with the students to help them understand the lessons. The students rolled bandages, painted rocks to share joy with others, learned songs, raced around with rocket boosters on, played outside, enjoyed a water fight and generally had a great week. Thanks to Rosann Pearson for donating cookie dough, and to those who brought 1 and 2 liter bottles for the rocket boosters. Thanks to Greg Drewianka who put up the tent outside, Jim Hedeon who got the water ready for the water fight, and Missy McCann who picked up our mess each day. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

~Kathy Tilderquist





**4<sup>th</sup> of July events in Vasa**

- Museum Open at 1 pm**
- Root beer floats at the Gazebo at 1 pm**
- Vasa Parade (bring a lawnchair) at 3 pm**