

Vasa Lutheran Church
Healing on the Sabbath

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, January 31, 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 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY ELW 413

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: Lord of the Sabbath, **your followers were told not to work on the Sabbath, and yet they boldly plucked grain to show that you are Lord of all. The world tells us not to rest on the Sabbath. Show us how to rest boldly, rejecting conventions that go against your will, and instead praying and resting as you did upon the mountain, for the glory of your word and work, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 92

L: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

C: to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

L: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

C: and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

L: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

C: at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

L: How great are your works, O LORD!

C: Your thoughts are very deep!

L: The dullard cannot know, the stupid cannot understand this:

C: though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever,

L: but you, O LORD, are on high forever.

C: For your enemies, O LORD, for your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

L: But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.

C: My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

L: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

C: They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

L: In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the LORD is upright;

C: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Luke 6:1-16 One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" 3 Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? 4 He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" 5 Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath." 6 On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. 7 The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. 8 Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. 9 Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" 10 After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. 11 But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus. 12 Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. 13 And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: 14 Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, 15 and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, 16 and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

HYMN

PRECIOUS LORD TAKE MY HAND

ELW 773

MEDITATION



HYMN OF THE DAY AND CONFESSION OF FAITH "I Believe"

to the tune of "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

I believe in God the Father, the Almighty God above,
Maker of the earth and heaven which were formed in God's great love.
And in Jesus, loving Jesus, God's own Son, who makes us new.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith for our church, too.

Jesus, by God's Holy Spirit, was so wondrously conceived,
Born unto the Virgin Mary, who your promises believed.
Jesus suffering under Pilate, on a cross was crucified.
Soldiers mocked him, friends denied him; he hung there until he died.

So it was, our Lord was buried, in a borrowed tomb he lay.
To the dead he then descended, where was joy on earth that day?
There is more to God's great story: In three days he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and he sits at God's right hand.

I believe what God has promised: Christ will come as he has said.
He will judge the nations' peoples, both the living and the dead.
I believe God's Holy Spirit makes the church one family.
We're surrounded by God's people, saints who in our Lord believe.

I believe that God forgives us for the times we turn away,
And that God will raise our bodies on that resurrection day.
We rejoice we'll live forever, singing praise to God's great name.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith that we proclaim.

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 in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. 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: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

ELW 634

We will sing verses 1, 4, 5, and 6.

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, Jeannette Larson, Paul Mikaelson, Gloria Skog, Bob Crouse, Linda Thompson, Lexie Peine (Sharyn Sorenson's great-grand daughter

- **Note:** If you would like to send Linda a note, her address is:
Mi Casa Nursing Center
330 South Pinnacle Circle
Mesa, AZ 85206

Parish Pulse:

January 24, 2021

Participating in Worship: All, in spirit!

Total Offerings: \$2,765.00.



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.



Emily is still missing several Annual Reports. If you have one to submit (you know who you are ☺) please get it to the church office ASAP! Thanks for your cooperation.

Since the annual meeting will be conducted a little differently this year, annual reports will be available three ways:

1. You can request one to be sent via email.
2. You can request one to be sent via regular mail.
3. You can request one and pick it up at the Lutheran Center.

We will not post the report on the website. Please email Emily or call the office and leave a message indicating your report preference.

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Choice Dollars*
Details

Watch for details in the February Vasa Voice on how you can direct your charitable gifts through Thrivent.



Mark your calendars for the upcoming Vasa Rummage Sale to be held April 23 & 24! Let's make this the most successful rummage sale ever!!! Questions? Call Faye Drewianka at 651-212-3209.



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