

Vasa Lutheran Church

Open My Hands, Lord

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, March 8, 2020

PRELUDE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves:

**our minds to know you, our hearts to love you,
our wills to serve you, for we are yours.**

Into your hands, incarnate Savior, we place ourselves:

**receive us and draw us after you,
that we may follow your steps.**

Into your hands, O hovering Spirit, we place ourselves:

**take us and fashion us after your image;
let your comfort strengthen us and your fire cleanse us.**

Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves:

gather us in your light eternal.

(Based on the commitment prayer, ELW, p. 86)

PRAYER

Open our hands, Lord, **to reach out to a world in need. May our arms enfold those who sorrow, our palms bear mercy and grace, and our fingers point to your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE ELW 712

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.

KYRIE:

ELW 155

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord Jesus, **it was hard for your disciples to hear that they would have to suffer in order to follow you. Give us faith and courage to follow you when following is painful or frightening. Amen.**

come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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

SENDING HYMN: WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT ELW 659

BLESSING and DISMISSAL: Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, hands open to serve those you meet, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross.

The God who opened for us the way of everlasting life ✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Prayer Concerns: David Broin,
Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of
Sharyn), Linda Thompson, Max
Tilderquist

Assisting with Worship today:

Greeter: Greg Drewianka

Ushers: Josh Hanson, Kevin Hanson
Mike Carlson, Jason Stahnke

Reader: Duane Martinson

Parish Pulse

March 1 and 4, 2020

Participating at worship: 65

Offerings: \$2,266.00

Ash Wednesday

Participating at Worship: 27

Offerings: \$240.00

This Week at Vasa

(Church office hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs
9-1)

Sunday, March 8

- 9:00 am** Service of The Word
- 9:00 am** Sunday School
- 10:15am** Easter Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15am** First Comm Inst.
- 1:30 pm** Worship at *The Gardens*

Tuesday, March 10

- 9:30 am** Tuesday AM Coffee

Wednesday, March 11

- 5:00pm** Children's Bell Choir
- 5:15pm** Children's Faith Formation
First Comm. Instr.
(library at LC)
- 5:30pm** Community Dinner
- 6:40pm** Wed. Eve. Worship /
Holden Eve. Prayer

Sunday, March 15

- 9:00am** Service of Holy Communion
- 9:00am** Sunday School
- 10:00am** Children's Bell Choir rehearsal
- 10:15am** First Comm. Instr.

Calling all 3rd-6th grade Bell Ringers!!



Any children in 3rd -6th grade who are interested in participating in a Bell Choir for Palm Sunday, we will begin practicing this Wednesday,

March 4 at 5:00 pm in the Lutheran Center. There will also be a practice on Sunday mornings after worship, starting on March 8. You don't need to come to both—pick the practice that works best for you—either Wednesday evenings, or Sunday mornings. Questions? Call Kathy Tilderquist.



Just a reminder that March is Food Share Month! Grab a grocery bag, fill it and bring it to your local food-shelf. See the March issue of the Vasa Voice for ideas of what to include in your bag.

Also, all loose offering collected during lent will be shared between the two food shelves—in Cannon Falls, and in Red Wing.