

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Two Roads and a Tree*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, June 16, 2019**

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

## **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:**

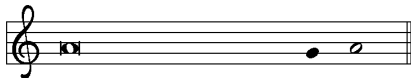
**WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME**

**ELW 798**

**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.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



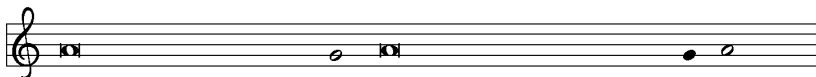
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



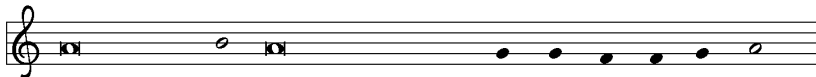
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God among us, **we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 1

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**C: but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

**C: In all that they do, they prosper.**

L: The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**C: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14:25-34**

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**

**HYMN: LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME ELW 767**

**SERMON**

"This isn't about our eternal destiny.  
This is about the character of our Christian lives."

Dr. David Lose

**HYMN OF THE DAY: OH MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH YOU ELW 818**

**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 kneeling at the railing. 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:            LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG            ELW 808**

### **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: Duane Martenson



## **Prayer Concerns**

David Broin, Evans Josephson, Sterling Sorenson, Linda Thompson, 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 16

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

Monday, June 17

6:30 pm Softball game, AP Anderson Park, Field 2

7:30 pm Church Council

Tuesday, June 18

9:30 am Coffee with Pastor Maureen

Wednesday, June 19

6:15 pm Wednesday Evening Worship

Thursday, June 20

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Sunday, June 23

### **Midsommar**

9:00 am Pancake Breakfast

10:30 am Outdoor Service

11:30 am Blessing of the Tractors

Parish Pulse- June 5 & June 9

Participating at worship 8 & 48

Offerings \$1,592.00

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Registration forms for VBS can be found in the back of the church and on the church website on the Information page, under Youth where the Vacation Bible School heading is a link to the registration form. Save some time and fill out the form in advance of Monday, June 24 please. The registration form can be turned in prior to the beginning of VBS to the church office, or brought to VBS on the 24<sup>th</sup>. VBS will run from June 24-27 from 9-11:30 am. The theme is "To Mars and Beyond".

**VBS NEEDS:** If you have any 1 or 2 liter bottles that are empty, VBS would like them for making "rocket boosters" for the children. Donating the bottles in pairs would be great since we need 2 bottles for each child. Please put them in the box in the back of the church or bring them to the church office. Thank you.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP:** If your summer activities make coming to church on Sunday impossible, please consider joining us on Wednesday night at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Room for a short worship service/Bible study and communion. Join in the fellowship as we look in depth at a scripture lesson each week. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASS:** Dahmon Romness conducts a class on Discipleship 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.

**WELCA:** The church women will continue to meet for Bible study during the summer months. The next meeting is the third Thursday of June, June 20 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Room. WELCA is looking for a couple of 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.

**MIDSOMMAR SUNDAY:** Please sign up to help with the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Midsommar Celebration. Help is still needed for set-up on Saturday, June 22, and for clean-up after the breakfast. Sign-up sheets will be in church on Sunday & at the center during the week. Also, you can call the church office. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**MIDSOMMAR:** Don't forget about the pancake breakfast next Sunday at 9 am. Worship will be outside starting at 10:30. Bring a lawnchair. If it's raining, we will worship in the gym at the Lutheran Center. The blessing of the tractors will start at 11:30 with the tractor parade moving from Vasa to Spring Garden. Dinner including Swedish dishes will start at Spring Garden Lutheran Church at 11 am and they will serve throughout the afternoon. There will be games for the kids and music by the Cannon Falls Community Band as well as by Two Copper Coins.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** On June 30, we will have special music at our service. Duane and Joanne Earney will be leading us in song that day. They are from Hager City, WI. Come and enjoy the music!

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **Vasa Mission Statement**

We the Vasa congregation,  
called by God, commit to:  
Worshipping together,  
Growing in Faith  
Serving others, and  
Welcoming and Loving all!