

Vasa Lutheran Church

Jonah and God's Mercy

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Sunday, November 8, 2020

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

ELW 522

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of the seas, sky, and land, **When Jonah turned to run from you, you showed him that nothing and no one could hide from your presence. You are in all things, and you love all things. Show us the gift of your presence, and help us to carry your word of compassion and grace to all the world, in the name of the one who carried out your love flawlessly, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS SELECTIONS from Jonah 1:1-17, 3:1-4:11

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

MUSICAL INTERLUDE LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING ELW 631

MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL ELW 612

PROFESSION 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, **hear our prayer.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

Offering plates will not be passed, but are sitting near the doors as you leave.

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: We will remain in the pews for communion today. Each of you should have picked up a communion portion prior to worship. After the words of institution you will be invited to open your portion and serve yourself.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
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

Give us the courage to follow in the foot steps of Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying...

**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.

Let us pray (*in unison*) Lord Jesus,
**in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.
Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN ELW 864

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Jessie Otto, Ben Norman, Jerry McRae, Eileen Anderson, Mary Nelson, Kathi Pearson (Rosann's daughter-in-law), Marilyn Hanson.

...Please Note...

- On Sunday, November 15, after worship, we will record the readings for the Thanksgiving Service. If you would like to volunteer to be a reader, please let Pastor Maureen know, and then plan to remain after worship on 11/15 so you can be recorded.
- The Vasa Christmas tree will be set up on Friday, November 27, beginning at 1:00pm. Any “Fluffers” who are available to help would be greatly appreciated. No experience required.
- The annual Children’s Christmas Program will be done “virtually” this year. Families will be invited to take parts of the Christmas story and make a video clip of their part. Video clips are due on December 6, and should be sent (via email) to markhagenster@gmail.com. A video will be released for viewing on Sunday, December 20.
- The Goodhue County Sharing Tree will be up with ornaments available to take on Sunday, November 22. Any remaining ornaments will be brought to the Lutheran Center after worship, where they will remain during the week, in case anyone else wishes to come by and take one.
- The American Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 24, 1:00-7:00pm has open donation times. Contact Kathy Tilderquist or go to www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time to sign up. Power Reds can be given at this drive.

**Assisting with Worship today:
Reader and Communion Set Up:
Marilyn Hanson**

Parish Pulse:
November 1, 2020
Participating in Worship: 29+8 WEW 11/4
Total Offerings: \$3,534.00.