

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Great Commission

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, April 28, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC

DU FRIEDEFÜRST, HERR JESU CHRIST, BWV 1102 - J.S. BACH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: God of all creation, who knows our inmost hidden thoughts, wash us clean and gift us with your Spirit, that we may walk with you.

C: Amen

(silence for reflection)

P: Dear God,

**C: My actions are not perfect,
my thoughts are rarely pure,
my regrets sneak up upon me,
my guilt I cannot cure.**

**I'm sorry for my failures.
Forgive me now, I pray.
Let your inspiration fill me
and show your better way.**

**We see the resurrection of Jesus Christ, your son,
with his promise of redemption: new life for everyone.**

**I've failed to love my neighbor,
I've failed to love you, too.
For the sake of Jesus' promise,
forgive, and make me new. Amen**

P: Your loving God forgives you, through Jesus Christ, God's Son, so go forth from this day living as children of the One. Through Father, Son, and Spirit our lives today made new for the good of all creation and for the good of you.

C: Amen

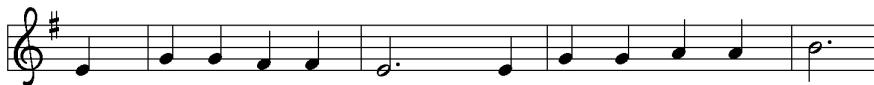
GATHERING HYMN:

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

ELW 379

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



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol- emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a- way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de- part.



We come to hear your liv- ing word; it saves us from de- spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be- gin.
Re- new us with your sav- ing pow'r; cre- ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for- ev- er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho- ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a- lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre- a- tion, Fa- ther of sur- pass- ing worth:
Son of God and gra- cious Sav- ior, you have come from heav'n a- bove;
Ho- ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex- alt you, we a- dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je- sus Christ, with God the Spir- it, in the Fa- ther's splen- dor bright.



Saints and an- gels bow be- fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re- store, for- give us; in your prom- ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in- her- it, glo- ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of action, **you sent your disciples into the world to preach, teach, and make disciples of all nations. Make us instruments of proclamation, so that all might know of the love you have for humanity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28: 16-20

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: JESUS LOVES ME! ELW 595

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY BAPTIZED AND SET FREE ELW 453
We will sing verses 1 and 2.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your children* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring *your children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people,
bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,
so that *your children* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support *name/s* and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain name with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Name, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

BAPTIZED AND SET FREE

ELW 453

We will sing verses 3 and 4.

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER Holy God, **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior 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: GO MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

ELW 543

BLESSING

The blessing of the living God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Postlude in C - Eugene Thayer

PRAYER CONCERNS: David Broin, Evans Josephson,
Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sterling & Sharyn) and
Brenda Bradley (second "mama" to Austin F.)

BAPTISM: *We rejoice as we witness the baptisms of Elleanor Sky Diercks, Fiona Lillian Diercks, and Caleb Alexander Diercks, children of Bryan and Sasha Diercks. We also rejoice as we witness the baptism of Christopher Philip Allen Poole, son of Mason and Laurie Poole.*

SERVING US: Ushers: Rick Samuelson, Duane Hanson, Bruce Tilderquist, and Rodney Nelson **Readers:** Marcia Featherstone **Greeters:** Teri Mandelkow

PARISH PULSE: Maundy Thursday's Attendance 56 | Good Friday's Attendance 17
Total offering for both services \$1,264
Easter Sunday's Attendance 146 | Offering \$3,111

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Information on electronic giving to Vasa Lutheran Church is on the table near the door of the gym today. If you are interested in using this method of giving instead of using weekly offering envelopes, please fill out the "Authorization Form" attached to the information and bring it to the Church Office. Thanks for your consideration of this giving option.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT VASA

April 28: Special Council Meeting will be held at the Lutheran Center at 10:30AM
May 1, 8, 15, 22: FLN 5:15 Wednesday & Evening Worship 6:15PM
May 29: Wednesday Evening Worship 6:15 PM only no FLN
May 2-4: Pastor on Vacation
May 5: Dahmon Romness will be serving while pastor is on vacation
May 6: Museum Board Meeting 6:30PM | Parish Life 6:30PM | Finance 7:30PM
May 7, 14, 21, 28: Coffee with Pastor 9:30AM in the Fellowship Room
May 8: Free Community Dinner 5:30-6:30PM Pulled Pork & Hot Dogs will be served
May 12: Undie Sunday collecting toilet paper and/or new children/women underwear.
May 16: WELCA Bible Study meets every third Thursday at 9:30AM in the Fellowship
May 19: Lindstrom Baptism
May 19: Last Day of Sunday School – Sunday School will resume in Sept.
May 20: Church Council Meeting at 7:30PM
May 31 – June 1: Synod Assembly Meeting
June 24-27: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for PreK-6th 9:30-11:30AM

VASA MUSEUM - SAVE THE DATES

Root Beer Floats Thursday, July 4 | Swedish Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 26

Summer Camp: Good Earth Village is an ELCA Bible Camp located east of Spring Valley, MN. They are now accepting registrations for summer camp. There are a variety of programs available depending on age and interests. Check out their website: www.goodearthvillage.org/summer-camp/

The Vasa Church Council has agreed to fund 75% of the cost for any child affiliated with our congregation. All that you need to do is register and bring a copy of your registration form to the church office. Please see Pastor Maureen for details."

Thank you to the following people who served and donated food for the Easter Breakfast: Kevin Eckblad; Kerry & Joyce Finne; Shane, Jill, Dylan & Lucas Anderson; Paula Gillis; Terri Mandelkow; Geri Lindholm; and Thrivent. With the help from Thrivent and donations the congregation incurred no expenses. We served 95 people and raised \$346 that will go towards youth activities. Thanks again, Jim Hedeem.



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Job Opportunity!

Vasa Lutheran Church is looking for part time office help. The candidate must have very strong skills in the creation of a variety of documents used to communicate events. Also need the ability to manage the Vasa Facebook page, and the Vasa website. Hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Contact Pastor Maureen at 507-251-5270 or the Vasa Church office at 651-258-4327 for an application. Interviews will begin in mid-May.

Visit the website for additional information. www.vasalutheran.org

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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!