



VASA LUTHERAN CHURCH

A sower went out to sow...

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Accompanist Austin Ferguson

Sunday, November 10, 2019 **First Stewardship Sunday**

PRELUDE MUSIC

Service Prelude in A - Edward Francis Rimbault

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the strength of our ancestors,
the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,

we confess the many ways

we have failed to live as your disciples.

We have not finished what we began.

We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.

We have been captivated by our possessions.

Lift our burdens, gracious God.

Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.

Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.

Put your trust in these promises:

God will never leave you or forsake you.

You who were lost have been found.

For the sake of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice with the angels at this good news. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME ELW 634

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.**

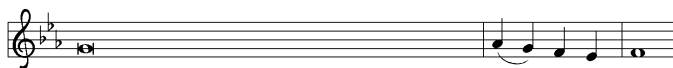
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



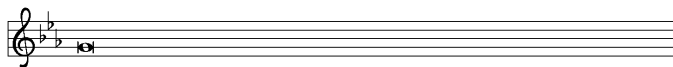
Lord, have mercy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



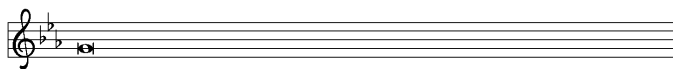
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mercy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.




Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to




Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Loving Lord, **you have searched your people for evidence of goodness, the way fruit is sought in a vineyard. Send your righteous judge and find goodness in your faithful children. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE TEXTS: Isaiah 11:1-5 (*Read responsively*)

L: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,

C: and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

L: The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

**C: the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.**

L: His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

**C: He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;**

L: but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

**C: he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Mark 12:1-3

At the conclusion of the readings the reader will say, "Word of God, word of life."
Please respond with, "**Thanks to you, Oh Lord.**"

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART:

HYMN: BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL ELW 250

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: JESUS SHALL REIGN ELW 434

CONFESSION 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share the peace with one another.

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER: God our provider, **we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in 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

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

ELW 855

BLESSING: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.
Almighty God ✠ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace,
now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thanks Be To God - Ira B. Wilson

VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBRANCE and EXCHANGE OF FLAGS

As the postlude is played, those who are able are invited to gather at the flag pole on the south side of the church.

On this day, we remember. We remember those who have served and are currently serving in our armed forces. We remember all the sacrifices that they made. We remember their struggles to heal from trauma. On this day, we remember.

Pause for silent reflection

Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

**We give thanks for our soldiers' courage,
for their love of country,
and for their work to bring peace to our world.**

Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served

Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

**We remember widows and widowers, orphans,
and all those separated from those they love.**

We pray, Gracious God,

that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen.

Exchange of Flags

CLOSING PRAYER:

Merciful God, you grieve amid the pain, fear, and suffering of your children. Look with compassion on all who endure the miseries of war. Be mindful, too, of those who day and night face peril in defense of our nation. Guide them in their duties as they seek justice of our nation. Guide them in their duties as they seek justice for those subjected to tyranny and liberty for those who are oppressed. Eternal Protector of the helpless, hear the cry of the distressed and grant speedy deliverance in a new day of peace and concord. **Amen.**



Prayer Concerns

David Broin, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sharyn), Brenda Bradley and her family, Linda Thompson, Kathy Jacobson, Jim Freeberg, Deb Ruby (Ed Gruber's daughter)

This Week at Vasa

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

Sunday, November 10

9:00 am Service of The Word
Christmas Program
Rehearsal

10:30 am Christmas Eve Choir
Rehearsal

Monday, November 11

Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 12

9:00 am Tuesday AM Coffee

Wednesday, November 13

5:30 pm Community Dinner – Bring a
shirt or T-shirt for a Veteran

Thursday, November 14

NOON Lunch and Learn – *Hospice
Care*

Sunday, November 17

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion
and Confirmation Sunday
Christmas Program
Rehearsal

10:30 am Christmas Eve Choir
Rehearsal

Parish Pulse- November 3 and 7

Participating at worship 92

Offerings: \$11,025.25

(including \$8,158.00 Mission
Endowment)



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

The church council voted to designate our Thanksgiving offering for the Cannon Falls and Red Wing Food Shelves. As a part of the Thanksgiving service on Nov 27 and the Sunday service on Dec. 1, if you wish to donate to the food shelves, please place your offering in the box marked "Food Shelf". If you wish to also give an offering to the church, that offering will be placed in the offering plate. Thank you.



Please note the new display from the Vasa Museum this month to honor our local veterans. The museum has much more information on display and on file for anyone who is interested.

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