

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, June 28, 2020**

### OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ANNOUNCING THE DAY Psalm 84

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**C: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

L: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young, at your altars,  
O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**C: Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.**

L: Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**C: As they go through the valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

L: They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**C: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

L: Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed.

**C: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

L: For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
he bestows favor and honor.

**C: No good thing does the LORD withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.**

**O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the pastor begins with these words.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;**

**through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**GREETING:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over  
land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power  
preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Job 31:35-37** Oh, that I had one to hear me! (Here is my signature! let the  
Almighty answer me!) Oh, that I had the indictment written by my adversary! 36  
Surely I would carry it on my shoulder; I would bind it on me like a crown; 37 I  
would give him an account of all my steps; like a prince I would approach him.

**Job 38:1-11** Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: 2 "Who is this that  
darkens counsel by words without knowledge? 3 Gird up your loins like a man, I will  
question you, and you shall declare to me. 4 "Where were you when I laid the  
foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its

measurements-- surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone 7 when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? 8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?-- 9 when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, 10 and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, 11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?

## **MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW 365

### **MEDITATION**

### **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

### **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**

Communion 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**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, 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 WHILE COMMUNION ELEMENTS ARE CONSUMED**

### **Vasa**

*words and music by Austin Ferguson*

**Our church upon the hill, Lord, your steadfast love admires;  
With caring hearts and open minds, to serve is our desire.  
To do your work on heav'n and Earth;  
God's word, our hands inspire.**

**We ask you, Lord, to bless us, and send us on your way  
Use us to spread your wondrous love throughout the end of days  
Our fervent prayer we lift to you,  
For now and always**

**Our songs rise up among us, a joyful noise we raise;  
To God, our being, our reveling is means to sing your praise.  
The voices here, throughout the years,  
our hope in Thee relay.**

## **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*)

**God of the welcome table,  
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness  
and have been united by your presence among us.  
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts  
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,  
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.  
Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING and GOOD-BY to Austin Ferguson**

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant Austin, who has enriched this community and shared his gift of music with us all. Now bless and preserve him as he moves to a new church. Day by day, guide him and give him the wisdom and insight that is needed so that he might be effective in this new position at the Unitarian Church of Rochester. By your Holy Spirit be present in his life and travel with him in all his endeavors. Amen.

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**BLESSING for the CONGREGATION**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**



Kerry Sorenson, Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, David Broin, Jessie Otto, Marilyn Hanson, KaCee Stewart (Austin Ferguson’s cousin’s wife), Keith Baker (Austin Ferguson’s Grandpa), Family of Lowell Peterson



Church Council will meet June 29, at **6:30 PM** at the Lutheran

**Assisting with Worship today:**

**Ushers:** Steve Hyllengren,  
Duane Martenson  
John Featherstone

**Reader:** Duane Martenson

**Parish Pulse: June 21**

*Participating in Spirit: ALL*

Total Offerings: \$2,220.00

# How to Stay Safe When Worshipping

- Sit with members of your household and keep at least 6 feet of space between households. There should be at least 6 feet of space on the sides, in front, and behind.
- Wear a mask or cloth face covering at all times: when you arrive, when you leave, and during the service.
- Do not shake hands, hold hands, or have other physical contact with people outside of your household.
- Avoid gathering with others before or after the service.



**American Red Cross**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The next blood drive at Vasa will be held on August 6 from 1-7 pm. There are plenty of spots still available if you are able to donate. For more information or if you have donated previously, contact Kathy Tilderquist. OR, feel free to sign up at [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org).



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