

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

### **OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2 Cor 1:1-11 – Consolation

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise be to God,

**People: the God of mercies and the God of all consolation.**

Leader: God comforts us,

**People: and we comfort one another.**

Leader: We rely not on ourselves but on God,

**People: God who raises the dead and promises us the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Let us sing our praise to God.



### **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      All Creatures, Worship God Most High      ELW 835**

**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:** God of all mercy and consolation, **come to the help of  
your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power  
of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**2 Corinthians 1:1-11** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and  
Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints  
throughout Achaia: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of  
mercies and the God of all consolation, 4 who consoles us in all our affliction, so that  
we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with  
which we ourselves are consoled by God. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are  
abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. 6 If we are  
being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is  
for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same  
sufferings that we are also suffering. 7 Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know  
that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. 8 We do  
not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in  
Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. 9  
Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not  
on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. 10 He who rescued us from so deadly  
a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us  
again, 11 as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give  
thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

**John 14:25-27** "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the  
Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you  
everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you;  
peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts  
be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

## MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

### MUSICAL INTERLUDE MEDITATION

**Blessed Assurance**

**ELW 638**

### MUSICAL INTERLUDE

**When Peace, like a River**

**ELW 785**

### 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

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**

#### **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**

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

**Assisting with Worship  
today:**

**Reader:** Sid Featherstone

**Parish Pulse:**

**July 6**

*Participating in Spirit: ALL*

Total Offerings: \$613.58

From Parsonage fund for Maintenance: \$4,661.70

**July 12**

*Participating in Spirit: ALL*

Total Offerings: \$1,360.00

The logo features the word "UP" in large green letters with a green arrow pointing upwards through the letter "U". To the right, the word "coming" is written in a smaller green font, and "EVENTS" is written in blue capital letters below it. Three red stars are positioned around the "UP" text.

We will resume **Tuesday morning coffee on August 4th** at 9:30 a.m. Guys will meet in the gym and gals will meet in the Fellowship Room. Both spaces now have air conditioning!



We will resume **Wednesday evening worship on August 5th** at 6:30 p.m. Worship with communion will be a part of our service.



American Red Cross

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](http://redcrossblood.org).

Today we begin a 5 part series on Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. In it Paul addresses the challenges of living together in Christian community. Here are the scripture readings I will be preaching on.

July 19	2 Corinthians 1:1-11	Consolation
July 26	2 Corinthians 2:1-10	Forgiveness
August 2	2 Corinthians 4:1-18	Treasure in Clay Jars
August 9	2 Corinthians 5:1-21	Walk by Faith and Not be Sight
August 16	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	Generosity



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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!