

+Vasa Lutheran Church

We come to you for quiet and peace....

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, January 26, 2020

PRELUDE MUSIC

Toccatà in C - Carlos Seixas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
**you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: JESUS, COME! FOR WE INVITE YOU ELW 312

SUNG TO THE TUNE "PRAISE, MY SOUL"

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE: ELW 157

HYMN OF PRAISE NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION ELW 167

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Jesus, healer of mind and body, **we sometimes suffer at the hands of physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Quiet our minds, still our hearts, and empower our bodies so that we may be whole and healed. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 89:1-4

L: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**C: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

L: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

**C: I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 5:1-20

At the conclusion of the reading, the reader will say: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART:

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: O CHRIST, WHAT CAN IT MEAN? ELW 431

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY and CONFESSION OF FAITH

to the tune of "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

**I believe in God the Father, the Almighty God above,
Maker of the earth and heaven which were formed in God's great love.
And in Jesus, loving Jesus, God's own Son, who makes us new.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith for our church, too.**

**Jesus, by God's Holy Spirit, was so wondrously conceived,
Born unto the Virgin Mary, who your promises believed.
Jesus suffering under Pilate, on a cross was crucified.
Soldiers mocked him, friends denied him; he hung there until he died.**

**So it was, our Lord was buried, in a borrowed tomb he lay.
To the dead he then descended, where was joy on earth that day?
There is more to God's great story: In three days he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and he sits at God's right hand.**

**I believe what God has promised: Christ will come as he has said.
He will judge the nations' peoples, both the living and the dead.
I believe God's Holy Spirit makes the church one family.
We're surrounded by God's people, saints who in our Lord believe.**

**I believe that God forgives us for the times we turn away,
And that God will raise our bodies on that resurrection day.
We rejoice we'll live forever, singing praise to God's great name.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith that we proclaim.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let's share God's peace with one another.

COLLECTION OF OUR GIFTS FOR GOD, including a GENEROSITY MOMENT

**OFFERING PRAYER: Generous God, you have given us life, this community,
and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our
hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we
go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The prayers of the congregation will conclude with the following:

**Lord God,
you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

HERE I AM, LORD

ELW 574

BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God,
and the source of our life together,
keep you united in mind and purpose.
And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Paso in D Minor - Narciso Casanovas



Prayer Concerns: David Broin, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sharyn), Linda Thompson; **Congratulations** to John and Cori Featherstone on the birth of their daughter, Grace!



This Week at Vasa

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

Sunday, January 26

9:00 am Service of The Word

9:00 am Sunday School

Tuesday, January 28

9:30 am Tuesday AM Coffee

Wednesday, January 29

5:15 pm Children's Faith Formation

6:15 pm Worship + Everyday Bible
Conversation

7:15 pm Confirmation Class

Sunday, February 2

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30am Confirmation

Parish Pulse

January 19 & 22, 2020

Participating at worship: 39

Offerings: \$1,305.00

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The Vasa Lutheran Church Annual Meeting is February 23. **If your team hasn't submitted its annual report, please do so ASAP! Also, if you manage a checkbook, please get it turned in to the office for auditing purposes THIS WEEK!!**

Vasa Mission

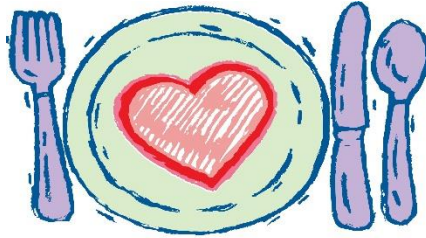
We, the Vasa congregation,
called by God, commit to:

Worshipping together,

Growing in Faith

Serving others, and

Welcoming and Loving all!



COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Community Dinner is on February 12 at 5:30 at the Lutheran Center! On the menu is Beef Stew. For dessert, we are asking for any kind of pies, home-made or store-bought. Pie sign-up sheets will be available with the other sign-up sheets for the meal.

At this meal, we ask that you also bring a non-perishable item for the local food shelves. Currently they are in need of canned tuna, ramen noodles, canned fruit (mandarin oranges, pears and applesauce are popular!) and hamburger or tuna helper.

Community Dinners are a great opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors, meet new people and share a meal together. There are plenty of opportunities to serve including making food donations and/or preparing the meal, setting up/cleaning up, delivering meals, etc. Sign-up sheets to help are in the back of church on Sundays and in the Lutheran Center during the week. Questions? Contact Sue Hedeem or Jeannette Anderson!



- January 24-27 Pastor Maureen on Vacation
- February 12 Community Dinner –*Please bring a non-perishable item for the food shelf, and consider donating a pie for the meal.*
- February 23 Vasa Lutheran Annual Meeting