

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*God's Love Poured Out*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.

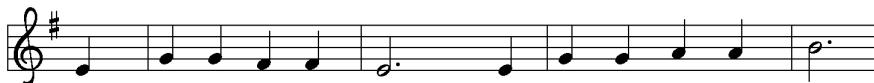
**C: Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN: CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS ELW 855**

**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:** Gracious God, **you have welcomed all people into your kingdom. Remove from us the barriers that we build to keep people from you, so that all might live in your grace and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:1-11**

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

**HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART**

**ELW 856**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: WHAT WONDROUS LOVE**

**ELW 666**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

With the whole church, let us confess our 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**

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

**C: And also with you.**

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

**COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence 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.**

## **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. Alleluia!**

## **SENDING HYMN: GOD BLESS AMERICA**

**God bless America  
Land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above**

**From the mountains, to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America  
My home, sweet home  
God bless America  
My home, sweet home**

## **POSTLUDE**

*We will gather around the flagpole for a brief ceremony to replace  
the flag and in honor of Memorial Day.*

## **Memorial Day Ceremony**

### **Hear:**

#### **In Flanders Fields**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

#### **Say the Pledge of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### **Sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee"**

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrim's pride,  
From ev'ry mountainside  
Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light.  
Protect us by thy might,  
Great God, our king.

#### **Pray**

## **Serving Today at Worship**

Ushers: Jason Pagel, Chuck Peterson, Randy Klein, Kevin Eckblad  
Greeters: Mel & Nancy Trelstad  
Reader: Kathy Tilderquist



## **Prayer Concerns**

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

## **This Week's Vasa Calendar**

*Church Office Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9am-1pm*

Sunday, May 26

9:00 am Service of the Word

Tuesday, May 28

9:30 am Coffee with Pastor

Wednesday, May 29

6:15 pm Worship

Thursday, May 30

8:30 pm Vasa Softball

Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1

Synod Assembly in Rochester all day both days

Parish Pulse- May 15 & 19

at worship 4 & 77

offerings \$1,706.00

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

**Dates: June 24-27, 2019**

**Time: 9 am – 11:30 am**

**Classes for: Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**All children are welcome  
Teen and adult help wanted.  
Please contact Pastor Maureen  
if you can help.**



**\*\*VBS:** Please note the times of VBS are 9 am – 11:30 am. This is different from what was previously published.

**MIDSOMMAR SUNDAY:** Please sign up to help with the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Midsommar Celebration. Sign-up sheets will be in church on Sundays & at the center during the week. Also, you can call the church office. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**DIRECT DOLLARS:** Help Vasa Lutheran Church earn \$1,000 through the Direct Your Dollars program! We're collecting receipts from any Family Fare store. Drop your receipts off at the Vasa Lutheran Church or at the Vasa Lutheran Center. Thank you in advance for all your support!



**MUSEUM BOARD UPDATE:** The displays in the Gathering room of the church have been refreshed. Note the picture of the Vasa Children's home with a description of its beginning as well as a picture of Gustavus Adolphus College and its beginnings in Vasa. We have also put up a blanket (throw) from the "150th" Anniversary of the church.

~~Audrey Rosener

**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/](http://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.

**WELCA:** The church women will continue to meet for Bible study during the summer months. The ladies felt that it is easier for some to get out during the summer months than in the winter and suggested to rearrange the schedule to not meet in January, February, and March. The next meeting is the third Thursday of June, June 20 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Room.

WELCA is looking for a couple of people to help make denim and flannel quilts. Two types of help are needed. One or two people are needed to cut 6-inch squares out of donated denim blue jeans. We also are looking for people who are interested in sewing a quilt using the denim and flannel. Talk to Jeannette Anderson for more details.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP:** If your summer activities make coming to church on Sunday impossible, please consider joining us on Wednesday night at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Room for a short worship service/Bible study and communion. Join in the fellowship as we look in depth at a scripture lesson each week. Anyone is welcome to attend.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- June 2: Honor the Graduates, New Member Sunday, and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor Maureen's ordination
- June 3: Museum Board meeting, 6:30 pm; team meetings
- June 17: Council meeting
- June 23: Midsommar Sunday, pancake breakfast, outdoor service and tractor parade
- June 24-27: Vacation Bible School
- June 30: Joanne and Duane Earney special music at worship
- July 4: Vasa 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and root beer floats at the Gazebo

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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!