



# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Return of our Intent Cards*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, November 24, 2019**

### **PRELUDE MUSIC**

Largo, from Xerxes - G.F. Handel

### **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:**

**PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN**

**ELW 864**

**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**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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 mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



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



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 -



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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Almighty God, **we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 65:9-13**

L: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;

**C: you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.**

L: You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.

**C: You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.**

L: The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,

**C: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9**  
**The Parable of the Sower**

At the conclusion of the lesson the reader will say, "The gospel of the Lord."  
Please respond with, "**Thanks be to you, Oh Lord.**"

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

**HYMN: ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST**

**ELW 516**

**SERMON**

**What We Need is Here (excerpt)**  
**Wendell Berry**

Geese appear high over us,  
pass, and the sky closes. Abandon, as in love or sleep, holds  
Them to their way, clear  
In the ancient faith: what we need  
Is here. And we pray, not  
For a new earth or heaven, but to be  
For a new earth or heaven, but to be  
Quiet in heart, and in eye,  
clear. What we need is here.

## **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**

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**

*You are invited to come forward,  
place your offering envelope in an offering plate  
and your pledge card in the basket provided.*

**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 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:

**NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD**

**ELW 840**

**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

Prelude and Fugue in F, BWV 556 - J.S. Bach



### Prayer Concerns

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





If you haven't yet returned your **Intent Card**, it's not too late! We will accept them through December 1. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your gift.

## **This Week at Vasa**

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

### **Sunday, November 24**

**9:00 am** Service of The  
Word/Return

*of Intent Cards*  
Christmas Program  
Rehearsal

**10:30 am** Christmas Eve Choir  
Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, November 26**

**9:00 am** Tuesday AM Coffee

### **Wednesday, November 27**

**7:00 pm** Thanksgiving Eve Service

### **Thursday, November 28**

**Thanksgiving Day**

### **Sunday, December 1**

**9:00 am** Service of Holy  
Communion

Christmas Program  
Rehearsal

**10:30 am** Christmas Eve Choir



**Please complete and return your poinsettia orders for Christmas Eve by Sunday, December 1. You can put them in the offering plate, drop them by the Lutheran Center office, or mail them! Thanks!**



**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.



- 12-7 9AM – 3PM Winter Bazaar
- 12-11 5:30 PM Vasa Community Dinner (Swedish Meatballs)
- 12-15 10:30 AM Children's Christmas Program
- 12-24 2 pm and 5 pm Christmas Eve Services



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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!