

Vasa Lutheran Church

Following Jesus

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, August 11, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

against one another,

and against the earth entrusted to our care.

We are worried and distracted by many things,

and we fail to love you above all else.

We store up treasures for ourselves

and turn away from our neighbors in need.

Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When we were laid low by sin and guilt,

God made us alive together with Christ,

forgiving us + all our trespasses

by taking our sins to the cross.

For freedom Christ has set us free:

Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

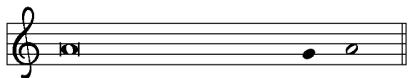
DEAREST JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

ELW 520

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 a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



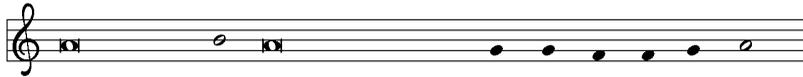
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Glorious God, **your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-9 (Read responsively)

L: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

C: and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

L: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

C: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

L: Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

C: Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

L: I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

C: See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

L: See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

C: Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

L: let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

C: let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

L: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

C: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:1-14

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

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

ELW 484

SERMON

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.

C: And also with you.

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

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Holy God, **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care. Help us to 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: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,
and abound in thanksgiving;
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Prayer Concerns

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

Serving Today at Worship

Ushers: Rick Samuelson, Duane Hanson, Rodney Nelson, Bruce Tilderquist

Reader: Mark Hagen

This Week's Vasa Calendar

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

Sunday, August 11

9:00 am Service of the Word

11:30 am Museum Open

Monday, August 12

6:30 pm Parish Life Meeting

Tuesday, August 13

9:30 am Tuesday am Coffee

Wednesday, August 14

6:15 pm Wednesday Evening Worship

Thursday, August 15

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Sunday, August 18

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

11:30 am Museum Open

Parish Pulse- July 31 and Aug 4

Participating at worship 9 and 42

Offerings \$1,566.00

ETERNAL CANDLE DONATION: Eileen Anderson and the family of Dick Anderson have given a donation to provide two months of eternal candles in recognition of the 15th anniversary of Dick's death in 2004 on July 31.

YVONNE BELIN'S BIRTHDAY: Yvonne Belin, wife of former Pastor Ralph Belin, turns 90 on Aug 18. Her wish for her birthday is that people from Vasa share remembrances of her with her. If you can send a note with something you remember about Yvonne, her address is: 4710 Cumberland St, Apt. 231, Shoreview, MN 55126. Thanks for helping.

HEARING DEVICE FOR WORSHIP: Vasa does have personal devices to help you hear in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for help if you would like to try one to see if it helps.

HYMNS ON TAP: On Sunday, Aug. 11, there will be an afternoon of Hymns on Tap at Tillion Brewery in Cannon Falls from 4-6 pm. Pastors Cindy and Nick Fisher-Broin from Spring Garden and Drew Yackel from Urland invite you to join them for an afternoon of singing hymns with your neighbors.

GOOD SAM JAM: At 6:30 pm on Sunday, Aug. 11, Singer and songwriter Brother Timothy (Timothy Frantzich) and his family will entertain at First Congregational United Church of Christ as a fund-raiser for the Community Churches Interaction Council Good Samaritan Fund which serves those who need emergency funds to meet expenses beyond their immediate abilities. Brother Timothy and his family will sing everything from Neil Young to John Prine, original songs, and even old hymns. A free will donation of \$10-20 is suggested. Root beer floats will be served following the concert.

GOODSTOCK: Over the weekend of August 16-18, there will be activities, family fun, a fair trade market, food trucks, and music at Good Earth Village, which is celebrating 50 years of ministry. On Aug. 16, Tim Hildebrandt & The Level Best Band will perform, as well as Six Mile Grove. On Saturday, Aug. 17, performing will be Dennis Warner (Hilltop Stage), Peter Mayer, Moors and McCumber, and Rachel Kurtz & the Band. On Sunday, Aug 18, there will be Worship at Three Crosses. Celebrate with Good Earth Village and enjoy the fun.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The next Women's Bible Study will be held on Thursday, Aug 15 at 9:30 am. All women are welcome to attend.

BLOOD DRIVE: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at First Lutheran Church in Red Wing on Thursday, August 15 from 1-7 and Friday, August 16 from 11-5. If you missed Vasa's drive, here is another opportunity to give blood.

GRIEFSHARE: GriefShare is a nondenominational seminar/grief support group that is facilitated by leaders who have lost loved ones of their own. Their next session will begin on Monday, September 9, 2019 at First Covenant Church in Red Wing from 7:00-8:30 PM. For more information call Susan at 651-388-4109, Suzy at 507-398-3729 or www.griefshare.org

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP REGINA HASSANALLY: Our new SE MN Synod Bishop, Pastor Regina Hassanally, formerly of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Goodhue, will be installed as bishop on September 14, 2019 at 2 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, Owatonna. She is the fourth bishop of our synod. Rev. Elizabeth Eaton will preside at the service. Children are welcome to attend. Bishop Eaton will be offering a children's sermon and a nursery will also be available. A special choir will sing at the installation. Interested participants should email Deacon Bob Tewes at music@gracealbertlea.org to get the details. A rehearsal will be held the day of the service at 12:30 pm. There will be a reception immediately following the service.

VASA SOFTBALL TEAM: Congratulations to the Vasa Softball team who won the championship of the upper division of the Church League in Red Wing on Saturday, July 27. The team's season record was 7 wins and 3 losses. On the 27th of July, Vasa was seeded in the upper division. They beat Covenant 9-4, then they beat Presbyterian 15-14. In the championship game, they again faced Covenant and won the game, 15-13. Vasa member Chris Finne was the manager of the team again this year, and Coty Hyllengren also plays.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday School on Sundays starts on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9 am. All children ages 3 through grade 6 are welcome. Classes on Wednesdays will start on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 5:15 pm. Anyone who wants to help teach at either session can contact Geri Lindholm.

The September Community Dinner will be on Wednesday, September 11. The meal will be chicken. Please watch for sign-up sheets for donations of food and time.

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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!